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SPECIAL GUESTS AT ROTARY CLUB'S CHRISTMAS PARTY... Among the special guests at the Elba Rotary Club's annual Christmas party held Tuesday, Dec. 6, were three widows of former Rotarians. They included Gwen Marsh, Ruth Inman and Olive Ray Martin. It is customary for such guests to be honored at the annual event. The three ladies are shown above with club president Josh Wilson.

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Tindell said the cost of the tractor with boom cutter from the surplus lot is \$26,000, and he noted that a new unit would cost anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000.

Before adjourning, commissioners decided to hold the next Coffee County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 27, rather than Monday, Dec. 26, due to the Christmas holiday. With that said, each commissioner offered his/her wishes that everyone have a Merry Christmas.

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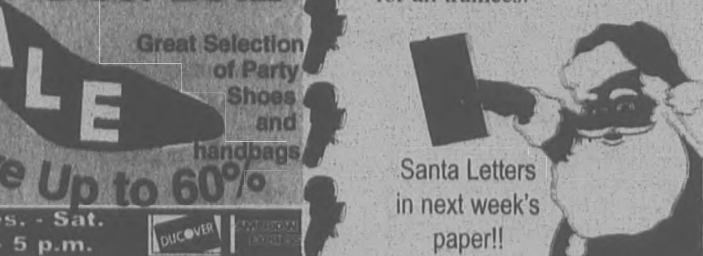
ELBA ROTARY CLUB GIVES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS... It has been customary for the Elba Rotary Club to sponsor a literacy initiative whereby dictionaries are distributed to all third grade students in both the Elba City School System, as well as the Coffee County School System. For many years, Rotarians have been active in efforts to reduce illiteracy from building schools to serving as tutors and collecting and distributing books and audiovisual materials to libraries. Considerable progress has been made in recent decades in reducing illiteracy, yet, close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy skills. Millions more are functionally illiterate, lacking the skills necessary to meet the demands of everyday life. The local Rotary Dictionary project is an opportunity for Elba Rotarians to give back to the community and show support for the local school systems and children. Separate presentations were made at Elba Elementary School, Kinston Elementary School and New Brockton Elementary School during the month of November. Josh Wilson, president of the Elba Rotary Club, visited with the students and teachers and gave a brief presentation on Rotary and the many facets of volunteerism. Wilson is shown above with several Elba Elementary students including (from left): Daquan Austin, Chance Johnson, Jordan Kidd, Emilee Hudson, Lace Mount and A.J. Whitfield.

Hurricane protection manufacturer seeks employees for new Opp plant

Opp's new hurricane protection products manufacturer, Sterling Metal Products Inc., is seeking sales representatives, truck drivers and secretaries. Training is not required to be considered for these positions.

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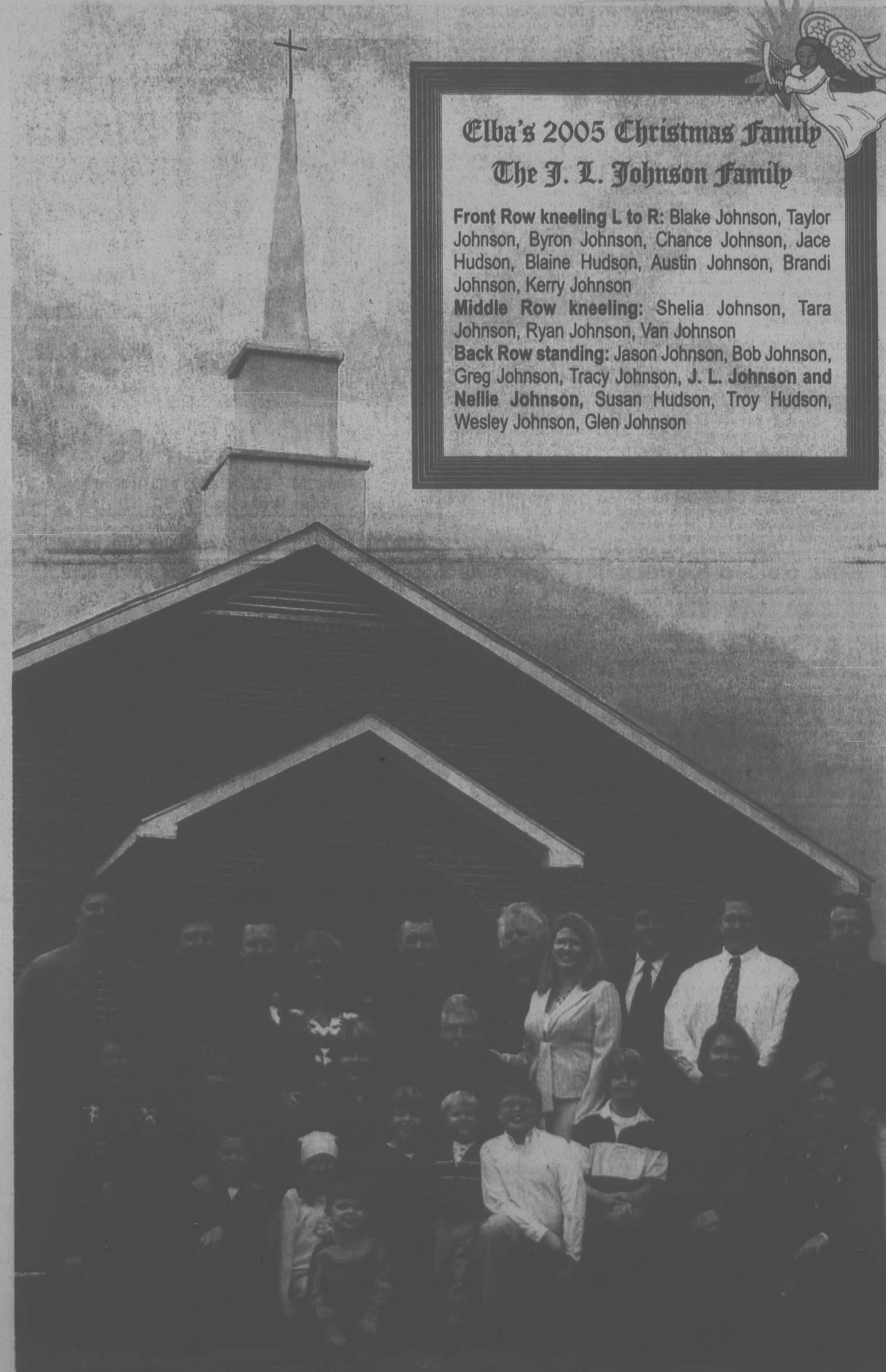
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Elba's 2005 Christmas Family The J. L. Johnson Family

Front Row kneeling L to R: Blake Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Byron Johnson, Chance Johnson, Jace Hudson, Blaine Hudson, Austin Johnson, Brandi Johnson, Kerry Johnson

Middle Row kneeling: Shelia Johnson, Tara Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Van Johnson

Back Row standing: Jason Johnson, Bob Johnson, Greg Johnson, Tracy Johnson, J. L. Johnson and Nellie Johnson, Susan Hudson, Troy Hudson, Wesley Johnson, Glen Johnson



EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

"When I read the Bhagavad Gita and reflect about how God created this universe everything else seems so superfluous." Don't know anyone about the Bhagavad Gita, except it does come up in deep discussions, but like this quote we read by one of the world's recognized great thinkers somewhere and think it was uttered by Albert Einstein. As a Christian we pause at this season to reflect on the "everything else seems superfluous" part. An imagination allowed to roam can easily wonder how much better off this world would be, how much improvement in life's pleasures would we experience if more of us would push aside the superfluous things in life. Yet we gratefully cherish the privilege to at times sit watching the animals, the birds or a small child play while our mind ponders things that are, well... superfluous. We do thank our loving God for the ability to make this choice.

President George W. Bush is in some trouble with the politicians, but that isn't anything new. This time around some of his own Republican party members are running for the bushes rather than defend his actions. Right now when it is smart to be good for Santa Claus, we admit to being a little concerned ourselves over his position on the wiretapping of U. S. citizens without the customary court orders. There probably are occasional situations where such actions would prove beneficial but apparently it is being done on a wholesale basis and therein lies our concern. There are special task forces set up to approve such wiretapping, in a reasonable time, and should be used. If the system of checks and balances is flawed, let's correct the system, not allow ourselves to be pulled into the abyss with those who have the democracy and associated freedoms U. S. citizens so deeply cherish and others envy. The near panic Americans experienced right after 9-11 apparently gave some in the government a feeling that the ends justified any means - and admittedly it can under certain, very limited conditions. However, that is such a narrow window that it can't be safely opened for any length of time. We urge you Mr. President, back off from this policy - defend it if that is your belief, but don't do it anymore... please.

Our Elba Christmas Family for 2005 is a break from tradition. It includes three generations of a large Coffee County family. We have watched J. L. and Nellie Johnson raise their family, always actively supporting anything one of them was involved with, etc., day or night. We watched the children grow into fine adults, marry and each start his or her (Susan is the only girl) own career and/or family. The family members continue to be close and have brought in spouses who have grown equally close, in spite of them all being individuals with their own ideas and goals. An example of that closeness was displayed when it took Nellie Johnson just one night to confirm (correctly) that the whole family would be available on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. for the picture... and without telling a single one of the purpose of the photo! Momma is still the boss but she does it so lovingly that children nor spouses would even consider complaining - nor would they have any reason to do so.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, three for theft of property, one criminal mischief, one possession of marijuana, one false report to a law enforcement officer, one harassing communications, one indecent behavior, one criminal trespassing, one menacing and one driving on property.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for a suspended driver's license, one for speeding, one for no driver's license and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, DEC. 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 228 (5:15 a.m.); Possible wreck reported at the corner of Simmons St. and Factory Ave. (8:38 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 13 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14 - Disturbance reported in the area of Powell Trailer Park (3:12 a.m.); River stage - 8.17 feet (7:00 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs.

tree) reported at 1351 E. Davis St. (8:53 a.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 15 - Fight in progress reported at Elba Villa, Apt. B-5 (2:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1170 County Rd. 201 (1:57 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 16 - River stage - 9.56 feet (7:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 611 Kendrick Apts. (7:38 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at Hwy. 134 and County Rd. 427 (1:46 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1951 Taylor Mill Rd. (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Beaver Dam Trailer Park (11:06 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DEC. 18 - Disturbance (noise) reported across from Dale Moseley's Studio (3:56 p.m.).

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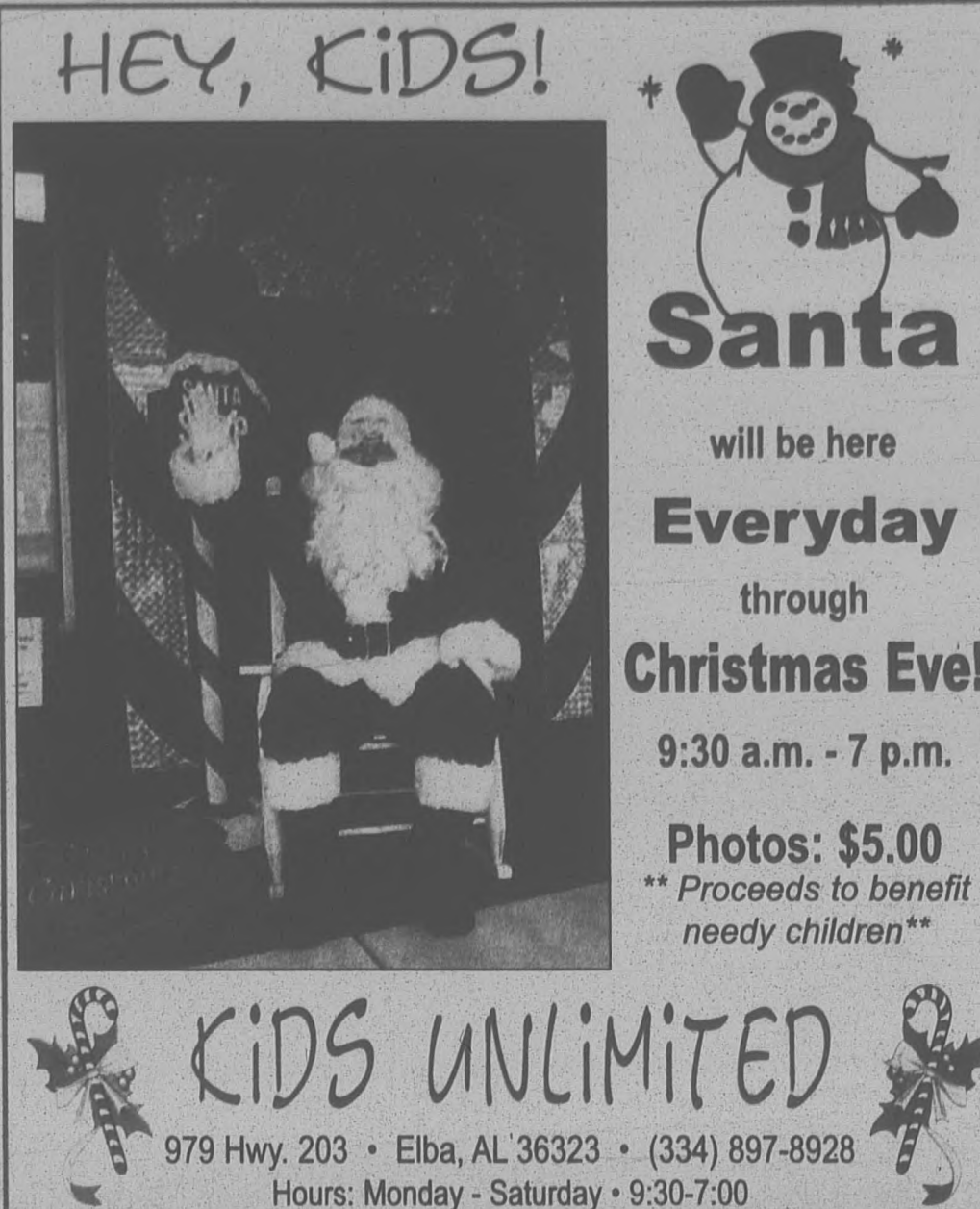
Area Happenings

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES: Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26; Monday, Jan. 2, 2006. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electricity, water, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting on the 5th of Jan. 2006 at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

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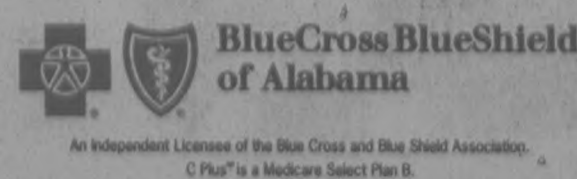


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Obituaries

BARBARA COPELAND

Mrs. Barbara Byrd Copeland, age 55, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005 at Enterprise Medical Center. Funeral services were held Dec. 12, 2005 at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed at Greater Old Salem Cemetery in Ozark, Ala., with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by Louis (Gopher) Jones and Maebelle Brooks.

Survivors include her sons: Roy (Jean) Byrd and Johnny (Janice) Byrd, both of Junction, Kan.; Billy Byrd and Jeffery Byrd, both of Enterprise; one daughter: Barbara (Andrew) Fields, Hanceville, Ala.; four sisters: Linda Ford, Jeanette (Tommy) Brundidge, Debra (Paul) Jones, all of Enterprise, Delois Jones, Daleville, Ala.; two brothers: Louis (Annette) Jones, Daleville, Willie Jones, Kansas; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LEMUEL "TIM" LANGLEY
Mr. Lemuel "Tim" Langley, age 72, of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16, 2005 at Perdue Assembly of God Church, Jack, with Rev. Hollis Bradley officiating. Burial followed at Perdue Cemetery with full military rites with Charlie's Angels. Siken Funeral Home of Troy directed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Riley Pasco Langley and Susie Mae Johnson

BYRD

Langley, one son, Mike Langley, and one grandson.

Survivors include his wife: Erlene Hurst Langley, Jack; children: Gary (Betty) Langley, Montgomery, Ala.; Sandra (Hughes) Stephens, Troy, Rhonda (Jeff) Peters, Brundidge; one sister: JoAnn Bath, Jack; brothers: Edward Langley, La., Gene Langley, Ocala, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

WILLIE MAE DUBOSE
Mrs. Willie Mae Dubose, age 59, of Opp, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005 at the Southeast Medical Center in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14, 2005 at Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp with Rev. Teddy Hill officiating. Burial followed at Harden St. Cemetery of Opp with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Dubose of Opp; and her brother, David Rogers.

Survivors include six sisters: Rebecca Lindsey, Betty (Eddie) Mullins, both of Opp; Ethel Horstead, Ruby (Willie James) Walker, Johnnie (Willie) McBride and Martha Gilford, all of Elba, Ala.; five brothers: J.P. (Martha) Rogers, C.P.

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(Mildred) Rogers, both of Opp, Jonas (Virginia) Rogers, Elba; Will (Sharon) Rogers, Quincy, Fla.; one step-daughter: Imani Watkins; 11 grandchildren, one step-grandson and one step-great-grandson.

MAURINE NELSON POPE

Mrs. Maurine Nelson Pope, age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Dec. 16, 2005 at the Enterprise Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Randall Pearson officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Pope was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Pope.

Survivors include one son:

Tim (Sylvia) Pope, Chancellor, Ala.; one daughter: Patsy (Donnie) Anderson, Opp, Ala.; two sisters: Clara Mae Cotter, Opp, Cora Lee Wyrosdick, Pensacola, Fla.; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

MARY FLORENCE (PONCY) COLLIER

Mrs. Mary Florence (Poncy) Collier, age 76, of Montgomery, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005 at her home in Montgomery.

Graveside services were held Dec. 20, 2005 at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, Ala., with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: George Lamar Collier, Montgomery; one daughter: Mary (husband Bruce) Mims, Cape Girardeau, MO; three sons: George Clive (wife Lori) Collier, Minden, La.; Samuel Claude (wife Jackie) Collier, Kennesaw, Ga.; John Brock (wife Beth) Collier, Troy, Ala.;

and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Poncy requested the planting of a tree in her honor.

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• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6-8 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

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• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

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• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M., the FBO office at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday noon of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

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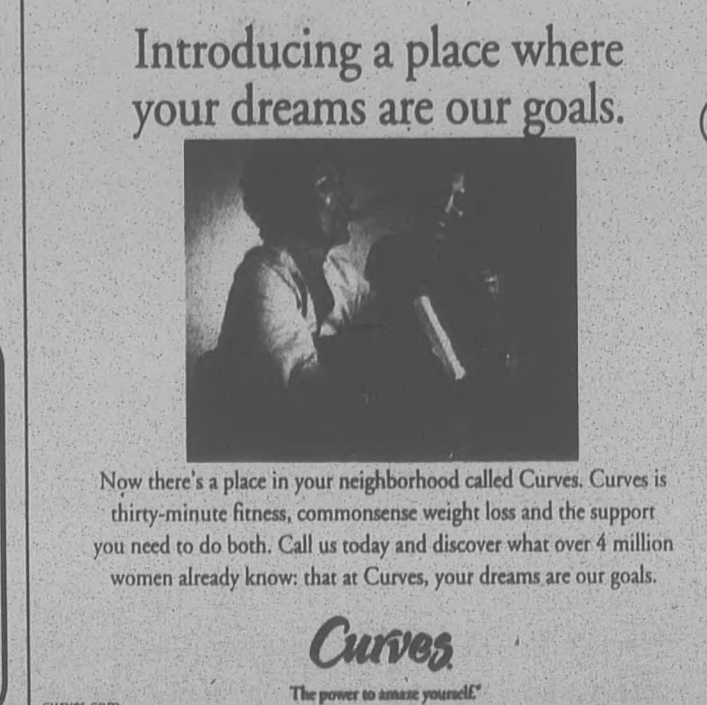
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While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises:

Glory to God in the heavenly heights,
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.

LIFESTYLES

Miss Kristen Mayberry and Mr. Dustin Stinson are united in holy matrimony

On June 11, 2005, the threat of Hurricane Arlene loomed as the appointed wedding time for Miss Kristen Mayberry and Mr. Dustin Stinson approached. However, the threat of severe weather lifted just prior to the tolling of the four o'clock hour. In spite of being buffeted by the swirling winds from Arlene, a host of friends and relatives gathered to witness the marriage of this special couple.

The First Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive, Elba, Ala., was the setting for the wedding. Reverend David Richburg, the couple's pastor at Fleetwood Baptist Church, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Yvette Welch of Andalusia and Mr. Greg Mayberry of Andalusia. She is the daughter of Mrs. Martha Nell Corkins of Glenwood and the late Brickett Corkins and Mrs. Von Cartwright of Andalusia and the late Ray Mayberry.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stinson of Elba. He is the grandson of Mrs. Nelline Hudson and the late Leroy Hudson and Mrs. Edna Sue Stinson and the late Earl Stinson, all of Elba.

The entrance to the church was adorned with wreaths of white satin, white roses, ivy, baby's breath and tulips. However, the delicate wreaths lasted only a short while before Arlene's winds removed them from the doors. The tulips, which marked the entrance, belovied in the wind momentarily before Arlene's wrath altered the entry scene.

Misses Jesse Kelley and Brittany Corkins, cousins of the bride, greeted the guests and presented them with a wedding program as they entered the foyer of the church.

Miss Lynsey Williams presided at the registry table, which was draped with a floor-length skirt with a white batonburg lace overlay. The table held a crystal vase with a long-stemmed white rose and the bride's guest book.

Candles were placed in the vestibule in memory of Mr. Earl Stinson and Mr. Brickett Corkins, grandparents of the bride and groom.

Guests were seated by ushers Coli Anderson, step-brother of the groom; Joe Cope, cousin of the bride; Chris Lawson, brother-in-law of the bride; and D. J. Stinson, cousin of the groom.

A lighted wooden cross in the baptistry, which was banked with greenery, was the focal point of the sanctuary. Several black wrought-iron candelabra of various sizes, which held white pillar candles, flanked the cross. Interspersed among the candelabra were numerous Boston ferns and lighted ficus trees, which completed the setting for the double ring ceremony.

The pews for the parents, grandparents, and other special guests were marked by arrangements of white roses, lilies, and baby's breath entwined with tulips and small white ribbon.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal strapless gown of imported white satin. Hand-sewn seed pearls and small pearls accented the bodice, and the back was adorned by accents of rhinestones. A small cuff enhanced the top of the neckline and drop waist. White satin buttons were sewn down the length of the cathedral train. Her veil was a hand-made gift to the bride by Ms. Annie Hendrix, the mother of one of the bride's students. The shoulder-length veil fell from a jeweled headband and ended with a satin rolled hem.

The bride carried a hand-tied nosegay of white rose buds created by the mother of the groom.

Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Janice Wagon of Andalusia, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Whitney Anderson, step-sister of the groom; Elba; Elizabeth Carter, Andalusia; Ashley Corkins, cousin of the bride; Troy; Lauren Moore, Birmingham; Dana Padgett, sister of the groom; Elba; Sasha O'Neil, step-sister of the groom, Enterprise; Lindsey Titum,

Andalusia; Katie Vaughan of Elba; and Mary Leigh West, Luverne.

The attendants' gowns were made of pink satin. They were styled with a strapless bodice and floor-length skirt. They carried variegated pink hydrangeas; the stems were wrapped and tied with pink satin ribbon.

Little Miss Annsley Marye Padgett, niece of the groom, served as flower girl. She wore a floor-length dress with a beaded bodice with small straps and a bouffant skirt of several layers of tulle. She carried a floral ball of white roses hanging from white ribbon. She pulled her baby brother, Avery Padgett, down the aisle in a red wagon, which was draped with white tulle. Avery, dressed in a delicate one-piece white and ecru suit, served as ring bearer. The pillow bearing the wedding ring was gently tucked inside the wagon.

Danny Stinson, father of the groom, served his son as best man. The groomsmen were Deway Parker, brother of the groom; Kyle Padgett, brother-in-law of the groom; Headland; Bradley Bowers, Adam Brooks, Mark Wicker, Brooks Cress, Josh Lawford, and Pete Manning all of Elba and former high school classmates and baseball teammates of the groom.

Miss Callie Brown, cousin of the groom, chaired the bride, which marked the entrance, belovied in the wind momentarily before Arlene's wrath altered the entry scene.

The mother of the bride chose a pink floor-length gown with beading on the neckline and complimented with a jacket with delicate beading. She carried a single long-stemmed white rose.

The mother of the groom wore a floor-length gown of tulle and white. The bodice had tiny straps and "was" ornately embellished with rhinestones and beads. She carried a single long-stemmed white rose.

Prior to the exchanging of rings, the minister requested a moment of silent prayer for the bride and groom. Mr. Earl Stinson and Mr. Brickett Corkins, grandparents of the bride and groom.

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Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal strapless gown of imported white satin. Hand-sewn seed pearls and small pearls accented the bodice, and the back was adorned by accents of rhinestones. A small cuff enhanced the top of the neckline and drop waist. White satin buttons were sewn down the length of the cathedral train. Her veil was a hand-made gift to the bride by Ms. Annie Hendrix, the mother of one of the bride's students. The shoulder-length veil fell from a jeweled headband and ended with a satin rolled hem.

The bride carried a hand-tied nosegay of white rose buds created by the mother of the groom.

Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Janice Wagon of Andalusia, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Whitney Anderson, step-sister of the groom; Elba; Elizabeth Carter, Andalusia; Ashley Corkins, cousin of the bride; Troy; Lauren Moore, Birmingham; Dana Padgett, sister of the groom; Elba; Sasha O'Neil, step-sister of the groom, Enterprise; Lindsey Titum,

Andalusia; Katie Vaughan of Elba; and Mary Leigh West, Luverne.



Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Stinson

The bride and groom were married in the Laverne home of Ms. Suzanne West. Other hostesses included Tammy Alford, Felicia Cope, and Juliette Adams. The guests were served chicken salad, fruit, pasta salad, pie, coffee and tea from antique china and crystal appointments.

Mr. Joe Wright, situated in the card room, entertained the guests as he played and sang many of the bride and groom's favorite selections.

The bride and groom milled around the various rooms and visited with their many guests. The guests overflowed into the house onto the deck and eventually into the lovely garden out back.

Before departing the reception, the bride and groom followed tradition by throwing the garter and bouquet into a large gathering of bride and groom hopefuls. Then the newly weds made their way through a shower of bird seed and bubbles and rode away in their "Just Married" graffiti car.

Kristen and Dustin honeymooned in the Bahamas and returned to their home in the Hudson Mill Community.

Ms. Sylvia Padgett served as wedding director.

Following the ceremony, the Olde South Inn was the setting of an elegant reception honoring the couple. At this hour, the weather had calmed and the guests were able to linger outside or enter the spacious southern inn.

As the guests entered, Miss Kendall Stinson, cousin of the groom, recorded their presence as she presided at the guest registry. Cool, refreshing punch awaited the guests as they entered. Miss Miranda Stinson, cousin of the groom, served the punch from a silver punch bowl resting on a round table draped with a white damask cloth.

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vaughan, Taylor Mill Road, was the setting for a lingerie shower on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Miss Cammie Kelly, Miss Katie Vaughan, and Mrs. Sasha O'Neil, and Mrs. Dana Padgett hosted the party.

On Friday, May 13, 2005, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Wicker honored Kristen and Dustin with a tool party at their beautiful home on Kelley Drive in the Elba Country Club Community. The guests were treated to an out-

Annsley Padgett celebrates seventh birthday with a skating party

The Elba Skating Rink was the perfect setting for Annsley Marye Padgett's seventh birthday party.

Balloons and 45 RPM records marked the entrance to the rink on Nov. 12, 2005, as Annsley greeted her guests. The music provided an authentic background for her "50s" theme.

Partygoers of all ages hit (literally) the floor with their skates as they skated to the great tunes of the 1950s. The music was much more familiar to the older generation of guests than to the younger set. For many guests, this was their first experience on a skate floor.

Annsley, with her hair pulled back into a ponytail and tied with the traditional scarf of the 50s era, was dressed in a pink leather jacket, black pants and saddle oxfords (before putting on her skates). This attire and the fashionable poodle skirt were the dress during the 50s. Many of her friends from school, dance, and church, as well as relatives, came dressed in the 50s attire.

After many rounds and falls on the skate floor, Annsley's guests gathered around her and her birthday cake while an appropriate recording of "Happy Birthday" was played.

Annsley's cake was iced in hot pink and was topped with a 50s blue convertible and a #7 candle. After blowing out her candle, Annsley and her guests enjoyed pizza, cookies, chips and dip, cakes and birthday cake. The plates, cups, napkins, and centerpieces depicted the 50s era.

After enjoying their refreshments, Annsley's guests gathered around to assist her in



Annsley Padgett

opening and identifying their special gifts to her.

Annsley is the daughter of Kyle and Dana Padgett of Elba, and she has a 16-month-old brother, Avery. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Sylvia Padgett, Charlotte and Ken Anderson, Danny and Vicki Stinson; she is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Nelline Hudson and the late Leroy Hudson and Mrs. Edna Sue Stinson and the late Earl Stinson, all of Elba. She is also fortunate to have a great grandmother, Mrs. Lois Hudson who resides in the Elba Nursing Home.



Camden Lamar Moore

Camden Lamar Moore turns one

Camden Lamar Moore turned one year old on October 9th, 2005.

Camden had a big birthday party on October 9th with all his cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. The theme was cowboys. He had a cowboy cake and Camden's Dad supervised horse rides on a big paint horse named Zip. All the children got their picture made on Big Zip.

Camden is the son of Randle and Sonya Moore of Kingston. Grandparents are Randle and Sandra Moore of Opp, and Silas and Mary Simmons of Victoria Community. Great-grandparents are Doug and Mary Hawthorne of Kingston, and Jeanette Simmons of Victoria Community.

Camden has a big sister, Brooklyn who is 1 1/2 years old.

Mar'shawn Dalon Fitzpatrick celebrates 2nd birthday recently

Mar'shawn Dalon Fitzpatrick celebrated his 2nd birthday on Dec. 9, 2005. A party was held for him on Dec. 10, 2005 at Sherri Rogers house. At his party was a big castle that was rented. His parents are Curtis Fitzpatrick and Carla Seals.

Grandparents are Norma and Douglas Stackhouse of Georgiana, Ala., and Carolyn Hunter of Opp, Ala., and Curtis Fitzpatrick Jr. of Samson, Ala. Food enjoyed was hotdogs, chips, pizza and cake. He was surrounded by Aunts, Uncles, cousins, and friends.

Clyde L. Sadle

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. STANLEY CARTER

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Matthew 2:1-12

A very searching question for us as we draw nearer to Christmas is: "How far is it to Bethlehem?" This is not only a very searching question, but also a very important one that we all need to answer. In reality, Bethlehem is not that far by jet. It is really only a matter of hours away. By physical map Bethlehem is only about 5 or 6 miles south of Jerusalem. Bethlehem is not far away at all. But how far is Bethlehem spiritually? Have you located Bethlehem and the Christ Child in your heart?

As we examine the Christmas story we see that Bethlehem was a long way for the innkeeper and King Herod. It was very near for the shepherds and the wise men. The innkeeper was too busy and selfish to locate Bethlehem in his heart. Herod was too afraid and jealous to find Bethlehem in his heart. But the shepherds found the Savior physically and spiritually as they left their flocks and journeyed the five or so miles into Bethlehem. The wise men, too, found Bethlehem that first Christmas night. They journeyed a long way from the Far East over dangerous terrain and were guided only by a star. They located the Christ Child in their hearts and gave him their gifts.

How far is Bethlehem for you? We are not talking in terms of geography, but we are talking in spiritual terms. Have you located Bethlehem in your heart? Let us welcome the Christ Child in our lives, homes, churches, nation and world this Christmas as we indeed take the time to travel to Bethlehem and locate Bethlehem in our hearts.

Let us continue to remember our military in our prayers.



Jeremiah Jordan

Jeremiah Jordan celebrates 6th birthday

Jeremiah Jordan turned six years old Dec. 17, 2005. Jay is

MIKE FLOWERS WAS ORDAINED to the gospel ministry by Dorcas Baptist Church. Pictured left to right are Jack Spivey, chairman of deacons, Rev. Don Flowers, pastor, Rev. Mike Flowers, Rev. Billy Paul McCollough, Coffee County Work Release Chaplain.

Christmas Eve observed at the Elba United Methodist Church

Elba United Methodist Church is sponsoring a "Live Nativity" Thursday & Friday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. It will be at the side of the church building on Davis St.

Saturday evening a come and go communion service will be observed from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:1-52

***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:

Rev. E. Magwood, Rev. Charles Lane, Gussie Cornelius, Mary Holly, Rev. Henry Shy, Lizzie Tyson, Catherine Johnson, Catherine Waters, Catheryn Carpenter, Marie Tullis, Buford Tullis, Bessie Williams

***DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas & Eula Brooks- Dec. 19 (W.A.), Ben & Cynthia Raybor-Dec. 20 (W.A.), Kim McBride-Dec. 20, Debbie Hight-Dec. 21, Pamela Yvonne Mitchell-Dec. 21, Grover Belcher- Sr. December 23 (In Memory Of), Kayla Kysar- Dec. 23, Joe Smith, Sr.- Dec. 25 (In Memory Of), Kenneth Daniels- Dec. 25, Sherry- Dec. 25, E. J. Yelverton- Dec. 25, Mary Nell Harris- Dec. 25



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Madeline Wilkes receives a most prestigious honor for her teaching. Pictured with her is her husband, Jack.

Madeline Wilkes named "2006 Alabama Teacher of the Year"

Over 80% of Americans say they want to improve their spiritual lives during the next 12 months, according to a Gallup poll. That's just one of the reasons that Madeline Wilkes volunteers every week to teach Bible lessons at Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church in New Brockton. Wilkes, who teaches the Senior Adult class, has been named 2006 Alabama Teacher of the Year by the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God. Wilkes is one of over 120,000 volunteers who teach Bible lessons to over one million children, youth and adults every week in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools and small groups.

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Celebrate The Birth Of Christ

Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church

Pastor Rev. Earl Smith

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service: 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

Friday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Roy L. Turner

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service: 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

Westside Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Bobby Holiday

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

SCHOOLS

Commodore in the making

by Shawanna Wright

"Down... Set... Hike! Logan on the carry.... Touchdown by Kikko Logan."

Kikko's hard work and dedication finally pays off. Scouts from all over the nation look for outstanding players, and next season that's just what Vanderbilt will get.

After visiting their campus and studying what they have to offer Logan has decided to commit to be a Commodore next year. Last Wednesday, Dec. 14, Vanderbilt coaches came from Nashville, Tenn. to visit Kikko and his family.

Logan says, "This was an excellent chance for me to make a good impression on the coaches and to get better acquainted with them."

Congratulations, Kikko, we know you'll go far. WE LOVE YOU!!!

Sr. Beta members participate in Salvation Army ringing

by Duke Carr

The Elba High School Sr. Beta Club continued its annual tradition this year of helping out with the Salvation Army's bell ringing campaign.

Each member was asked to donate just an hour of his or her time to help ring the bell to raise money for the needy. The club members rang the bell outside the Elba Market Place.

All that participated said they enjoyed it and are glad they could help the cause. Those who were not able to participate due to other activities made a five dollar donation to the Salvation Army.

In all, the ringing turned out to be a success and the contribution that the Beta members made was greatly appreciated.

Shop the Classifieds!



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright
& Melanie Mularz

EES fourth grade students find the true meaning of Christmas

by Melanie Mularz

Christmas is about giving, not receiving. This is what Mrs. Michelle Grimes wants her fourth grade class to understand.

Beginning last year, with the help of Mrs. Lynn Baker, Mrs. Grimes started a "Helping Families" program. She asks her students to bring one to five dollars for a present.

On Friday, Dec. 9, Mrs. Grimes took her students, with their money, to Fred's Dollar Store in Elba to gather up Christmas presents. Some students combined their money and purchased a bigger gift.

The students are in charge of their own money and can buy whatever they would like.

Mrs. Grimes said the students have really enjoyed helping in this program. The students also can work on their math skills with the money and taxes used to purchase the gifts.

The true meaning of Christmas is shown through the eyes of many fourth grade students this year.

Mrs. Grimes and her students thank everyone and mostly the parents who made this program a success for the past two years.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

EHS Ambassadors receive donation

by Judson Vaughan

On Wednesday Dec. 7, the EHS Ambassadors received a greatly appreciated donation from the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

For those of you not familiar with our ambassadors, we are a select group of juniors and seniors chosen to represent EHS at school, community and social events when called upon. From basketball games to the Haunted Jail, these dedicated teenagers are on call 24/7.

The funny thing is that through all this, the ambassadors come away penniless and the organization itself is a money-making one but for other people. All this said, our hands are tied in some situations due to the fact that our bank account is quite slim, but not anymore.

Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, graciously awarded the ambassadors a \$100 check for their hard work during the past year.

Speaking on behalf of the ambassadors, it is an honor and a privilege to represent EHS and the town we call home in the public eye. It is reassuring to know that we're being back by the city and receiving gratitude for a job well done.



Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is shown presenting a \$100 check to EHS Ambassador president Judson Vaughan and vice president Gale Olson. They are surrounded by the entire EHS Ambassador group. They are (left to right starting with bottom row): Duke Carr, Lashanda Cole, Judson Vaughan, Kaye Whitworth, Gale Olson, Lynn Weeks, Shawanna Wright, Stephanie Corder, Kendall Stinson, Brianna Bailey, Kayla Homayk, Rashanda Whitfield, Ciarra Burrows, Christina Bryant, Elizabeth Weeks, Summer Stricklin, Ashley Carnley, Elena McCormick, Kayla Kelley, Whitney Anderson, Whitney Lawford, Casey Medlock, Ashleigh Waddall, Amanda Pope, Rell Kelley, Todd Kelley, Wesley Calhoun, Dustin Rhoades, Chase Boutwell, Jamie Greer, Justin Watkins, Brian Blair and Ryan McCollough.

D.I.B.E.L.S. proves effective at Elba Elementary

by Christina Bryant

The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (D.I.B.E.L.S.) is in its early stages at Elba Elementary School.

D.I.B.E.L.S. is a state required test that must be given the first 20 days of the school year. It is then given again mid-year and once more at the end of the year.

D.I.B.E.L.S. is a timed test that is administered to all kindergarten through third grade students. A team is then appointed to give out the test, and to ensure that all testing is

standardized. The students are then tested individually so that there are little to no distractions while the test is being administered.

Students are evaluated concerning their reading accuracy, comprehension, and word use fluency. Students are then expected to attain what is called a "benchmark" for their grade, meaning they have reached their goal for that given assessment.

If a child does not reach his/her "benchmark," they are given extra help in the skills they are having trouble with, which is called intervention.

Administrators from Elba Elementary comment, "We are seeing tremendous gains using our new reading program (Reading Mastery Plus). Furthermore, Gina Price, curriculum coordinator, expresses that "results from the D.I.B.E.L.S. assessment, along with classroom observations, help teachers design appropriate instructional plans for ALL students."

For E.E.S. students

without them knowing about it.

The children are given an envelope explaining the dates of the Santa Store, so they can begin saving for the gifts well in advance. Not only does the Santa Store show kids one of the most meaningful parts of Christmas, but it is also a great way to raise money for the school.

The Santa Store is run by parent volunteers who are very helpful in helping the students select the best gifts for those they love. The children look forward to the Santa Store each year and it continues to be very enjoyable for all those involved.

The store opens daily and allows students the opportunity to buy gifts for family and friends at various price ranges. Through this, the elementary students are taught how to budget money and are permitted to buy presents for their loved ones.

Journalism Spotlight

by Stephanie Corder

This week's journalism spotlight features two journalism aids.

The first is senior Tesha Lee. Her activities include journalism, VICA, Key Club, and playing softball with the EHS Lady Tigers.

Tesha enjoys hanging with family and friends, playing softball, going on road trips, and watching Auburn football. Her favorite part of journalism is working on a lot of different things and spending time with the crew.

She wants everyone to know

Ready, Exercise!

We will never hear those words again because Coach Frank Phillips, who made those words famous, will be retiring.

Coach Phillips taught elementary PE and coached junior high and varsity football and basketball.

Coach Phillips has been at Elba Elementary School for 36 years. 23 of those years he served as a full-time teacher.

He has been one of the most dedicated coaches at Elba. In fact, he has coached at Elba longer than any other EHS

that she has sister who is like a best friend and she is also one of a kind.

The second aid is senior Daniel Myers. He enjoys working on the journalism staff. His hobbies include hanging with friends, playing baseball, and watching Alabama football.

Daniel's favorite part of journalism is being able to have fun while getting the work done.

If you ever stop at Fred's, give Daniel a big hello.

Congratulations, Tesha and Daniel, and thanks for all your contributions!

Coach Frank Phillips retires after 36 years

coach

Coach Phillips expected the best from his players because he gave them his best every day. As a teacher, he saw his students as people, not just as athletes.

Coach Phillips took time to help students whether big or small. He did not just sit there and give orders but taught by "showing how." He was fair in his officiating but inclined to "help the girls" with his calls.

Coach Phillips is what teaching and coaching is all about. Coach Phillips, you will always be a winner in our book!

SCHOOLS



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Julie Norris, Sponsor

FFA elects 2005-06 officers

Jacob Legg was elected as president for the 2005-2006 school year. Jacob is a junior at ZCHS and enjoys hunting, fishing, playing football and participating in various activities with FFA.

Hobi Hussey was elected as vice president. Hobi is a sophomore at ZCHS. He enjoys hunting, riding 4-wheelers and participating on the Battlebots team here at ZCHS.

Stetson Petty was elected to serve as sentinel. Stetson is also a junior here at ZCHS. He enjoys playing football, baseball and participating in various events here at ZCHS.

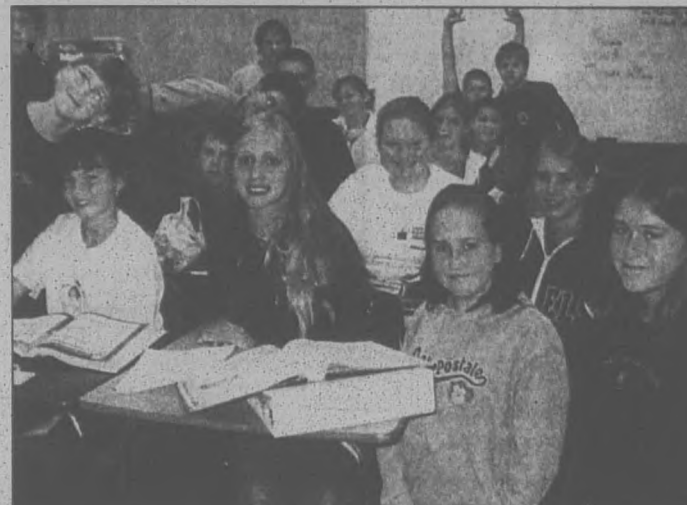
Morgan Miley was elected as reporter. Morgan is a senior at

ZCHS. Morgan enjoys playing softball, participating with FFA and being on the BattleBots team.

Keri Hobbs was elected as treasurer. Keri is a senior at ZCHS. She enjoys playing sports, participating with FFA and her youth group.

Todd Grant and Hayden Goodson were elected as co-secretaries this year. Todd is a junior this year at ZCHS. He enjoys hunting, playing football and participating with FFA.

Mr. John McCrory is the advisor for FFA. He has been a FFA advisor for 17 years.



Mrs. Jane Coale's 7th grade class received a treat for having 100 percent participation on their homework that they had to do over the weekend and was due on Monday, Dec. 5, 2005.

FFA members attend Ag Expo

It only comes once a year and the members of the ZCHS FFA were anxiously anticipating the trip once again.

Going to the Ag Expo is such a great opportunity for everyone to get the experience that agriculture is everywhere we go. There are over a hundred exhibits and exhibitors that come to Georgia just to show off their products and to inform the public about them.

It is a long ride there and back but it's worth the ride just to see all the different and unique things that are awaiting for everyone to see.

Being one of the rule's with Zion Chapel's FFA you must be a junior or senior to travel. This year almost everyone of the junior and senior members traveled to Moultrie. They were accompanied by their advisor Mr. John McCrory and Mr. Thomas Boswell.

FFA completes annual fruit sale

Well it's fruit time once again! A total of 538 cases were sold this year.

The officers decided that members who sold 10 or more cases would receive a free t-shirt. Students who reached this goal were: Chris Luckenbaugh, Harry White, Hayden Gibson and Stephanie McWaters.

One student sold in the 20 category - was Kasey Grantham. Kasey received a free t-shirt and one ticket to the banquet.

Keri Hobbs and John Wayne Lambert sold over 40 cases and they both received a free t-shirt, one ticket to the banquet, and a free FFA jacket.

Fruit delivery was Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005.

Upcoming Events @ Zion Chapel:

Christmas Holiday - December 19 - January 5
Teacher In-Service - January 3 & 4
Students return January 5
PTO - January 26
Reading with Professionals - January 26



Character Counts! at Zion Chapel School. Students in grades Kindergarten through 7th grade have been receiving instruction in character education utilizing the Character Counts! program. This program is a framework for teaching the six universally accepted character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The pillar of trustworthiness was stressed during the month of August. Students in each class competed in a poster contest and a winner from each grade was selected and prizes were awarded. The winners were: (front row) 3rd grade - Haley Tankersley, 2nd grade - Jamison Senn, and 1st grade - Justin Herbert; (back row) 7th grade - Erin Dismukes, 6th grade - Charlie Little and 5th grade - Lauren Knighten.

Zion Chapel Senior Beta Club holds annual Christmas party

The Zion Chapel High School Senior Beta Club held its annual Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 13.

A group of children from grades K-2nd were selected to participate. The Beta members brought refreshments for the children.

After everyone had finished eating, the members assisted the children in opening their gifts from Santa. The kids had a wonderful time playing with all of their new toys.

We would like to thank everyone that helped with making this Christmas party a success!



FFA members attend JLDC

Ten members of the Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA attended the annual Joint Leadership Development Conference in Birmingham, Ala.

The conference was designed to bring all different organizations together and share different and unique ideas of Leadership. While attending this conference the guest speaker was Sam Glen.

Mr. Glen spoke to the crowd about Leadership and going the extra mile to be different. He

finished his sessions with a chalk art presentation. Many of us had not had the experience to see something that magnificent, it was truly a work of art.

The members who traveled were: Jacob Legg, Buddy Parker, Todd Grant, Chase Perkins, Stetson Petty, Morgan Miley, Whitney Frederick, Hayden Goodson, Stephanie McWaters and Heather Grissette. They were accompanied by their advisor Mr. John McCrory.

FFA holds annual cookout

The Annual FFA Cookout was held on December 3, 2005 at the Ag Department.

Students began preparing their meal early that morning around 5 a.m. The cookout was scheduled to begin around 12 o'clock

that evening.

Students that participated were: Kelsey Roberts, Jacob Legg, Chris Luckenbaugh, Buddy Parker, Stetson Petty, Hunter Wise, Hobi Hussey, DJ Stinson, Adam Carter, Morgan Miley, Heather Grissette, Hayden Gibson, Stephanie McWaters, Brooke Stinson, Lindsay Levertette, Heather Sanders, Shea Manning, Todd Grant, Keri Hobbs, and Adam Carter.



Zion Chapel Elementary fifth graders in Ms. Hodge's math class began the year with a fun competition. Each student drew a poster to advertise their theme "Math Can Be Fun". Winners were chosen from each section and prizes were awarded.

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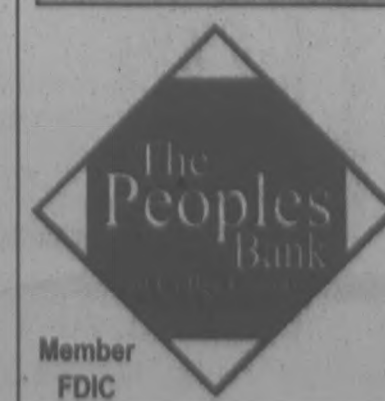
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BABY MISS CHRISTMAS...Caitlyn Gideon (left) was crowned Baby Miss Christmas and Madison Maddaloni (right) was named first runner up in Elba's 2005 Miss Christmas pageant.



PETITE MISS CHRISTMAS...The winners of Elba's 2005 Petite Miss Christmas pageant included (from left): Brayton Martin, Petite Miss Christmas, Emma Gonnells, first runner up, and Journey Mitchell, second runner up.



MINI MISS CHRISTMAS...Venecia Magwood was crowned Elba's 2005 Mini Miss Christmas during pageants held in early November.

NOTICE

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Due to the holiday, a special deadline will be in effect for the Dec. 29th edition of the paper. All church and social news will be due Friday, Dec. 23, before 5 p.m.

All other deadlines will remain the same.



TINY TOT MISS CHRISTMAS...The winners of Elba's 2005 Tiny Tot Miss Christmas pageant included (from left): Enley Carley, Tiny Tot Miss Christmas; Kaylin Martin, first runner up; and Gracie Bradshaw, second runner up.



LITTLE MISS CHRISTMAS...The winners of Elba's 2005 Little Miss Christmas pageant included (from left): Paige Wiggins, Little Miss Christmas; Payton Foster, first runner up; and Haley Parrish, second runner up.

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"The Christmas holiday season is always a busy time for travel, and this year we'll probably set all-time records for Alabama and the rest of the nation," said AAA Alabama spokesperson Clay Ingram.

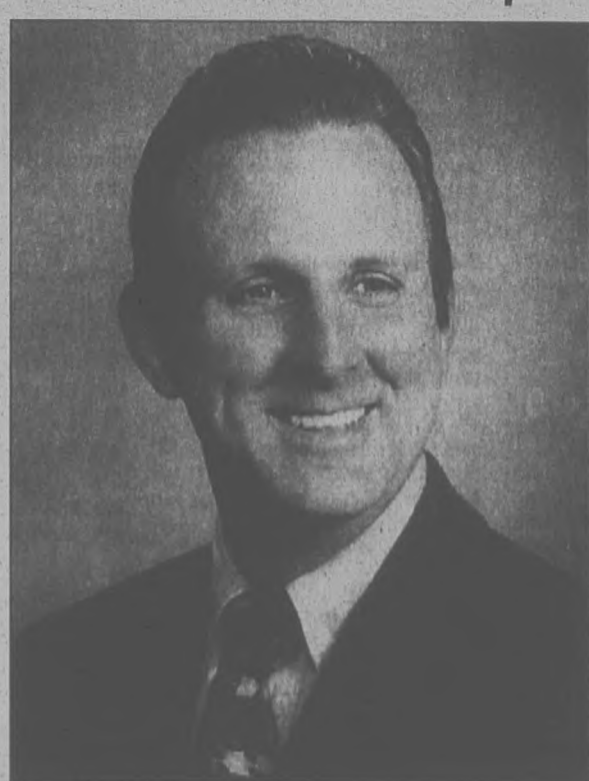
"The increase in the number of travelers makes it much more important to keep traffic safety a top priority. We are strongly encouraging motorists to reduce or eliminate potential distractions while driving. It's also important to get your vehicle inspected by a certified technician before you travel to help prevent any potential breakdowns during your trip." Approximately 51.54 million travelers (81 percent of all holiday travelers) expect to go by motor vehicle, a 1.7 percent increase from the 50.68 million

who drove a year ago. Another 8.75 million (14 percent of holiday travelers) plan to travel by airplane, up 1.6 percent from the 8.61 million that flew over the holidays last year. A projected 3.21 million travelers (5 percent) will go by train, bus, or other mode of transportation, up slightly from 3.13 million a year ago.

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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

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ONCE OVER LIGHTLY....

*** The Elba Tigers posted two more wins last week to improve their record to 8-2 at the break, and if the Tigers will work hard over the holidays and improve every time they take the court they have the chance to do some big things before the season ends. Elba's wins came over two very good teams in Goshen and Samson, and in both games the Tigers fell behind and rallied to sputter at times in all its games, but now that the Tigers have played ten games it is time for them to put it all together and become the team all their fans are hoping to see. The new year could bring with it a lot of excitement at the Elba Tiger gym!

*** Elba Tiger football standout Kikko Logan committed to Vanderbilt last week and will join an elite list of Elba grads that have gone on and played in the SEC. Logan has been a constant performer on both offense and defense the past two seasons and has unlimited ability. It is great that he will get the chance to go to college and if he works hard and stays focused he could very well join an even more elite list that has made it to the NFL.

*** The local basketball scene is quiet this week due to the holidays. So, this may be a good time to take a look back and see how the area teams have done. New Brockton - The Gamecocks are young, but have a lot of talent and have a team filled with players that are not afraid to take the ball when the game is on the line. Look for the Gamecocks to get better and better and chalk up some upsets when they get back on the court. The Lady Gamecocks are very young and inexperienced, but after suffering through a bunch of early-season losses should get better soon and hang some wins on their side of the ledger. Zion Chapel - The Rebels have struggled in the early season, but have a group of players that always give everything they have and before long they will find out they can indeed win and will shock a few folks. The Lady Rebels are enjoying one of their best seasons in years and if they work hard and don't become complacent could very well make a run at a region. Kinston - The Bulldogs have settled down after a few problems early on and are quickly turning into a very good team. If they work hard and believe in themselves this bunch could be the surprise team of the area. The Lady Bulldogs are off to a fast start and have already proven they can win any night they take the court. If they continue to improve this could be their best year ever. Brantley - The Bulldogs exploded out of the gate with a second place finish in the Andalusia tournament and have already moved up to third in the state after just two weeks of play. These guys have a lot of work to do in a short amount of time, but can get it done and could very well be a team to watch as the season rolls along. The Lady Bulldogs have some veteran players back and should get more than their share of wins once they get settled in.

*** Police in Citronelle expect to make several arrests after their high school principal was punched in the face and a clock operator had his nose broken during a melee that broke out at a basketball game last weekend between Citronelle and Jackson. Police are reportedly looking at the teams' videotapes and tapes from parents to see exactly who was involved in the incident, which escalated when people came out of the stands after a hard foul with two minutes left in the game. School officials stated it was a small altercation that grew due to the actions of fans, and the local police chief added the melee was an "isolated incident." While such incidents are few and far between, another game in Montgomery was stopped earlier in the season due to a fight that included players and fans, and just a few weeks ago a game in North Alabama was also marred by violence. It is past time for all high schools to make certain there is a police presence at all athletic events. After all, it only takes one fan to ruin everything for all involved and possibly commit an act that could result in a true tragedy.

*** In closing... there is an old adage in coaching circles that when a team fails to win the head coach fires his assistants in an attempt to push the blame to others. That plan usually works only once, and then the head coach is shown the door. That hasn't been true at Troy University; however, as Coach Larry Blakeney last weekend announced the firing of two assistants and next season will have his fourth offensive coordinator in the past six years. I am not saying the Trojans should pass all the blame toward Coach Blakeney, but maybe he needs some help when hiring assistants.

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Elba posts 7th win

Tiger rally downs Eagles 63-50

The Elba Tigers returned to their winning ways last Tuesday night with an exciting 63-50 win over the Goshen Eagles, in Elba.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by Mason Gulley, but didn't score again for over three minutes and watched as Goshen pulled ahead 6-3 midway through the first quarter. A three-pointer by Brandon Kelley with 2:26 left in the stanza cut the Goshen lead to 9-8. However, the Eagles remained in command and pulled out to a 15-8 advantage with 1:17 remaining.

Elba's Andrew Stoudemire and Reymar Rodgers combined to score the first six points of the second quarter as the Tigers pulled even at 17-17 with 5:05 left in the half, while Kikko Logan sparked a late 8-2 run to put Elba on top 25-21 at intermission.

Shawn Abbott scored early in the third quarter to up the Elba lead to 27-21, and the Tigers owned a 34-27 lead with 5:11 left in the quarter after a short jumper by Mason Gulley. The Tigers managed only one free-throw for the next four minutes, however, and Goshen answered with a 7-0 rally to regain the lead at 36-35 with 1:19 remaining in the period. Reymar Rodgers pulled Elba back even at 36-36 with :54 left, and Brandon Kelley nailed a long three-pointer with :03 left on the clock to put the Tigers back on top 39-36 heading into the fourth quarter of play.

Kikko Logan and Mason Gulley sparked a 7-0 Elba run to open the fourth quarter as the Tigers upped their lead to 46-36, and the Tigers owned a big 51-40 lead with 5:08 remaining after a basket by Logan inside. Goshen staged a mild rally and cut the Elba lead to 51-44 with 3:45 left in the game, but Logan and Andrew Stoudemire took over inside and sparked a late Tiger run that enabled Elba to take command and post the 63-50 home win.

Kikko Logan scored 19 points



ELBA TIGER COACH GLEN JOHNSON talks with his team during a time-out in recent basketball action. The Tigers posted wins last week over Goshen and Samson to improve their record to 8-2 heading into the holiday break.

(Photo by Laura Bailey)

to lead Elba, while Brandon Kelley added 11 and Andrew Stoudemire scored 10. Collins scored 14 to lead Goshen.

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Elba (63): Gulley 7, Hill 2, Kelley 11, Abbott 7, Logan 19, Rodgers 6, Stoudemire 10.
Goshen (50): Pelton 7, Cogburn 8, Collins 14, Hillard 11, Bradberry 2, Russell 8.

Lady Tigers suffer home loss to Goshen 55-44

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Goshen Lady Eagles last Tuesday night and never got on track as they suffered a big 55-44 defeat.

The Lady Tigers went almost six minutes without a basket in the first quarter and trailed 11-0 before Lafondra Thigpen finally got Elba on the scoreboard with a lay-up with 2:44 left in the stanza. Thigpen added two late baskets to pump life into the Lady Tiger attack. However, Goshen remained in command and by the end of the quarter owned a 13-4 advantage. Thigpen scored six quick points in the second quarter as the Lady Tigers pulled within 15-11 with 5:55 remaining in the half. However, Goshen regained command and reeled off 10 straight points to open up a 25-11 lead with 2:41 still remaining and never looked back as the Lady Eagles went in at intermission with a 33-13 advantage.

Whitney Lawford scored four points early in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers cut into the Goshen advantage, only to see the Lady Eagles regain command and move ahead 55-34 heading into the final stanza.

Elba got as close as 43-26 early in the fourth quarter on a basket by Lafondra Thigpen, but could never get any closer as the Lady Tigers suffered the lopsided 55-34 home loss.

Lafondra Thigpen scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Pollard led Goshen with 20 points.

Goshen (55): Pollard 20, Thomas 5, Boyd 4, White 13, Christian 10.

Elba (34): Lawford 7, Pruitt 5, Thigpen 21, Caldwell 1.

Tiger varsity and JV roll past Samson, Lady Tigers fall hard

The Elba Tigers hosted the Samson Tigers Friday night and pulled away late to claim a 69-57 home court win. Mason Gulley scored 20 points to lead Elba, which improved its record to 8-2 with the win, while Reymar Rodgers added 12 points, Brandon Kelley scored 11 and Kikko Logan scored 9 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

The Elba JV Tigers remained undefeated on the season with a 46-34 win over Samson. Johnny Stoudemire scored 10 points to lead the Tigers.

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High School Basketball Briefs

Brantley Bulldogs roll past Providence 89-50

The Brantley Bulldogs upped their record to 3-1 last Tuesday night with an easy 89-50 win over Providence Christian. Rashad Smiley scored 19 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Tad Frazier added 18 points and Dexter Daniels scored 9 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. John Nobles scored 13 points to lead Providence.

New Brockton tripped up by G.W. Long 70-58

The New Brockton Gamecocks struggled on the road, last Tuesday night in a 70-58 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Dadrion Johnson and Courtney Foster both scored 12 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Tee Morris scored 30 points to lead the Rebels.

Lady Gamecocks fall to G.W. Long Lady Rebels 47-31

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks remained winless on the season with a 47-31 loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels, last Tuesday night at Skipperville. Valarie Hutcherson scored 10 points to lead New Brockton, while Kacey Armstrong led G.W. Long with 13 points.

Kinston Bulldogs chase Purple Cats 68-53

The Kinston Bulldogs moved their record to 3-7 last week with a big 68-53 win over the Arton Purple Cats. Ramsey Phillips scored 21 points to lead Kinston, while Anthony Weeks added 20 points and 14 rebounds and Josh Driver scored 12 points and pulled down 16 rebounds. Brad Lightner scored 15 points to lead Arton.

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SPORTS

Elba 7th and 8th grade Tigers both finish '05 basketball season with undefeated records

The Elba Junior High Tigers closed out their basketball season recently with both the 8th grade Tigers and 7th grade Tigers posting undefeated seasons.

The 8th grade Tigers posted a perfect 13-0 record, while the 7th grade Tigers ended the season with a 6-0 slate.

Following are highlights of both teams final regular season game:

8TH GRADE

ELBA 46 FLEETA 33

The Elba 8th grade Tigers used a big second quarter to pull ahead and never looked back as they rolled past the Fleeta Falcons 46-33, in Fleeta. The Tigers owned a slim 6-2 lead after one quarter, but exploded for 22 points in the second quarter to take a 28-14 halftime advantage and rolled to the big win.

Justin McLaughlin scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Stephen Magwood added 9 and Donta Reynolds scored 8. Also scoring for the Tigers were Kareem Silar 7, Kevin Allen 2 and Donnell Horstead 2. Individual scoring was not available for Fleeta.

7TH GRADE

ELBA 31 FLEETA 8

The Elba 7th grade Tigers made it look easy by posting a lopsided 31-8 win over the Fleeta Falcons. The Tigers jumped out to a 9-3 lead in the first quarter and then took total command as they blanked the Falcons the next two quarters to take a whopping 27-3 lead after three quarters of play. Elba slowed the pace in the final stanza, but easily held on to claim the big win.

Sandarius Reed scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Xavier Rodgers added 9. Also scoring for the Tigers were Randall Solomon 5, Devonta Tillis 4, Kendrick Robertson 4 and Michael Martin 2.

JV Lady Tigers post 7-6 record

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers completed their basketball season recently and posted a winning record with 7 wins and 6 losses.

Following is a recap of late-season action:

Elba 31 New Brockton 22

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to down New Brockton 31-22. Elba owned an 11-0 lead after one quarter, pulled out to a 27-9 advantage by the end of the third quarter, and easily held on in the final stanza to claim the win. Jeanetta Burks scored 10 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Janae Carnley 8, Jessica Lockett 6, KeKe Oliver 3, Keri Jones 2 and Tray Craighead 2. No scoring totals were available for New Brockton.

Elba 30 Zion Chapel 18

The Lady Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and rolled to a 30-18 win over Zion Chapel. Elba led only 6-2 after one quarter, but outscored the Lady Rebels 14-2 in the second quarter to take a big 20-4 halftime lead and then rolled to the win in the second half. Jessica Lockett scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Nicole Holloway led Zion Chapel with 6 points.

Elba (30): Carnley 8, Burks 8, Oliver 2, Lockett 10, Jones 2, Z.C. (18): Mount 4, Dismukes 2, Bevins 4, Mills 2, Holloway 6.

Geneva 33 Elba 9

The Lady Tigers scored only four points in the second half and watched as Geneva pulled away for a 33-9 win. Elba trailed only 6-3 after one quarter and 17-8 at intermission, but managed only two baskets in the second half and suffered the lopsided loss. Janae Carnley scored 4 points to lead Elba, while Rivers scored 9 points to lead Geneva.

Geneva (33): Wallace 6, Duncan 2, Ware 4, Jenkins 4, Rivers 9, Brown 8.

Elba (9): Carnley 4, Burks 3, Jones 2.

Elba 29 Fleeta 12

The Lady Tigers led all the way to post a big 29-12 win over Fleeta. Elba jumped out to a 20-6 halftime bulge and coasted in with the win. Janae Carnley scored 14 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Jeanetta Burks 5, Jessica Lockett 4, KeKe Oliver 4 and Megan King 2. No scoring totals were available for Fleeta.

Elba 35 Arlton 14

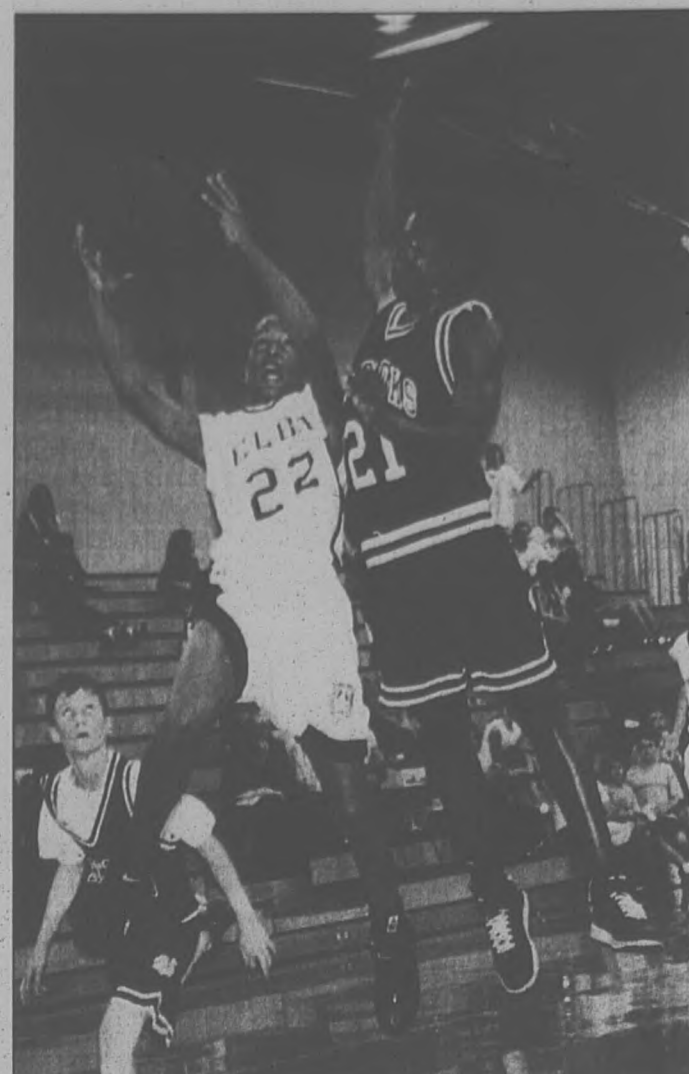
The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back as they rolled to a big 35-14 win over Arlton. Elba poured in 15 points in the opening stanza to grab a 15-6 advantage, then outscored Arlton in each of the remaining three quarters as it rolled to the lopsided win. Janae Carnley and Jeanetta Burks both scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Jessica Lockett added 11.

Liptrot scored 8 points to lead Arlton.

Elba (35): Carnley 12, Burks 12, Lockett 11.

Arlton (14): Mangra 2.

Liptrot 8, Adams 2, Thomas 2.



ELBA 8TH GRADE TIGER DONTA REYNOLDS (22) drives in for a basket in a recent win. The Elba eighth graders posted a perfect season for the second straight year during the 2005 junior high basketball season.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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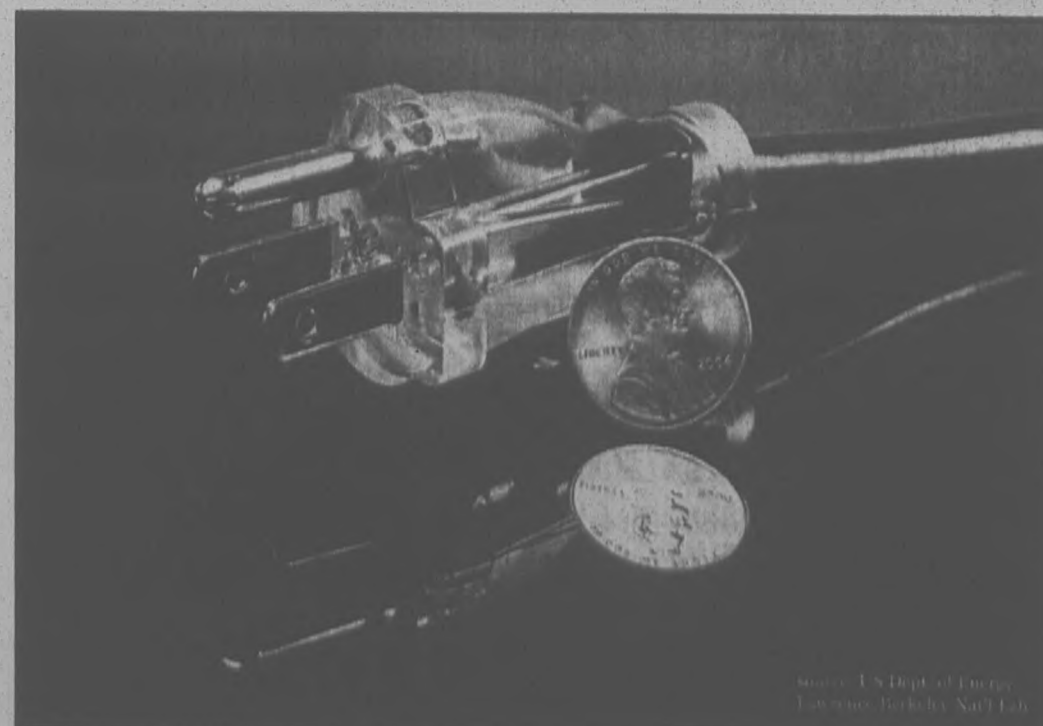
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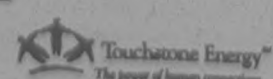
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SPORTS

With wins over McKenzie and Goshen

Brantley Bulldogs win SEAC tourney title

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their early-season surge last weekend by winning the South East Alabama Conference Basketball Tournament, in Brantley.

The Bulldogs improved their record to 5-1 with wins over McKenzie and Goshen, while Goshen placed second in the boys division. Goshen won the girls title, with Highland Home placing second.

"We really haven't had all that much time to work in the gym," stated Brantley's Coach Tony Stallworth, "but these guys played all summer in games against area teams and it paid off. All but one player was on the football team that made it to the final week of the season, and that success on the football field also carried over to the basketball court and has helped us early on. We can develop into a pretty good team with hard work and dedication, and that should happen with this bunch of players. We are all looking forward to the remainder of the season."

Following are highlights of Brantley's two wins in the tourney:

BRANTLEY 86 MCKENZIE 57

The Brantley Bulldogs opened the tournament Friday night and cruised past the McKenzie Tigers 86-57.

The Bulldogs pulled out to a 16-10 lead in the first quarter behind the 1-2 scoring punch of Dexter Daniels and Roy-L. Knighten, then exploded for 27 points in the second quarter as Rashad Smiley poured in 10 points and helped Brantley open up a 43-25 halftime bulge. Brantley was unable to put the Tigers away in the third quarter as they moved on top 60-39, but took command early in the final stanza behind the play of Thad Frazier and rolled to the 86-57 win.

Thad Frazier scored 20 points to lead Brantley, while Rashad Smiley and Dexter Daniels both added 15. Rhett Lowe scored 15 points to lead McKenzie.

Brantley (86): Pitts 8, Frazier 20, Gulley 3, Knighten 6, McClain 4, Smiley 15, Tyson 4, Daniels 15, Austin 3, J. Daniels 4.

McKenzie (57): Kent 2, Lowe 15, Bush 6, Nix 4, Adams 4, J. Adams 4, Rudolph 8, Henderson 10, Ball 4.

BRANTLEY 68 GOSHEN 63

The Brantley Bulldogs outscored Goshen 8-3 over the final 1:34 of the fourth quarter to pull ahead and at the final horn celebrated a 68-63 win over the Eagles and hoisted the SEAC championship trophy.

Brantley jumped out to a 12-6 first quarter lead behind the inside play of Jeffery Daniels and appeared to be in command, only to see the Eagles rally and pull even at 14-14 with 7:31 remaining in the second quarter. The Bulldogs regained the lead at 19-14 as Daniels and Thad Frazier sparked a rally, and the Bulldogs turned back a late Goshen threat to carry a slim 31-30 lead in at the half.

Brantley came out ready to play in the third quarter and regained command as the Bulldogs opened up a 37-32 lead with 6:46 left in the quarter behind the inside scoring of Jeffery Daniels. Goshen again refused to let the Bulldogs pull away, however, and scored 8 straight points as the Eagles moved ahead 40-37 with 5:27 still left on the clock. Brantley answered the Eagle rally with a 7-0 run and regained the lead at

44-40 with 3:33 remaining on the three-pointer by Kevin Pitts, then held on late in the stanza and carried a 51-49 lead into the fourth quarter.

A three-point play by Thad Frazier helped the Bulldogs open up a 54-49 advantage with 7:45 left in the game, but the Eagles once again came battling back and regained the lead at 58-57 with 3:00 still left on the clock. A free-throw by Rashad Smiley and a short jumper by Jeffery Daniels put the Bulldogs back on top 60-58 with 2:29 remaining. However, Goshen answered the late charge and pulled even at 60-60 with 1:34 remaining. Thad Frazier scored four quick points to put the Bulldogs back on top 66-60 with :25 left, and Brantley held on to escape with the 68-63 win.

Kevin Pitts scored 24 points and Jeffery Daniels added 21 to lead Brantley, while Quentin Collins scored 30 points to lead the Eagles.

Brantley (68): Pitts 24, Frazier 12, Smiley 3, Daniels 4, J. Daniels 21.

Goshen (63): Pelton 4, Collins 30, Bradberry 4, Russell 2, Hilliard 18, Cogburn 4.



BRANTLEY BULLDOG THAD FRAZIER (3) goes high for a lay-up during recent basketball action. The Bulldogs followed up their second place finish in the Andalusia Invitational with a first place finish in last week's SEAC Tournament.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Hughes receives B.A. degree from Auburn University

On Friday, December 16, 2005, Miss Katherine Lee Hughes received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Auburn University.

Katie graduated Magna Cum Laude with a major in Criminology and a minor in Political Science. Her future plans include work and the pursuit of a law degree in order to become an attorney.

Katie is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. John Hughes (nee Judy Lee) of Montgomery, Alabama and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Lee of Elba.

Four year old Victoria Alexis Hettinger was crowned "Tiny Miss Alabama" in her age group, she also won Best Fashion, Photogenic and Most Beautiful. Victoria brought home 3 trophies, plaque, sash, crown and two stuffed animals. Victoria lives in Vanceville, MS. She is the daughter of Michael and Beverly (Davis) Hettinger. She has one brother, Hunter White. Her grandparents are Billy Joe and Evelyn Davis and Carolyn Gelnicki, all of Elba and Mike and Paul Hettinger of Grayling, Michigan.

Gov. Riley awards grant to assist low-income residents in S.E. Alabama

Gov. Bob Riley has awarded \$36,892 to assist low-income residents in Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. The grant will be used to help eligible persons, families and the elderly meet the basic needs of living. Human Resource Development Corporation will administer the funds.

"This grant not only helps sustain low-income families by providing emergency assistance with basic necessities," Riley said, "but it also supports community action programs that help impoverished Alabamians attain the skills they need to support themselves."

Riley awarded the grant from funds the state receives through the Community Service Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The primary purposes of the program are to

NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury met in regular session on Monday, Dec. 12.

The Grand Jury inquired into a total of 34 cases. It handed down 23 indictments with 19 of those being felonies and 14 misdemeanors. One no bill was returned and zero cases were continued for further investigation.

Arraignments for the indictments handed down by this Grand Jury are scheduled for Jan. 5, 2006 at the Elba Courthouse.

MORE THAN 1,500 FARMERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE gathered in Mobile Dec. 4-5 for the 84th annual meeting of the Alabama Farmers Federation. Federation members from Coffee County who attended the meeting were, front row from left, Betty Boutwell, Pat Schrand, Pat Presley, Jan Smith, Mary Donaldson, Elizabeth Whitaker and Mack Donaldson; back row, Rex Boutwell, Greg Schrand, Max Bozeman, Dan Presley, Dennis Smith, Gerald Whitaker and Phillip Martin.

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Good Cheer from the Enterprise bank staff... (L to R) James Barnes, Tammy Rathburn, Sherri Kelsey, Margaret Lindsey, Jack Mullinax and Mary Langford. Not Pictured: Sylvia Watkins.



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Thank you Santa, Coleman Bragg

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I play hard. I would like to have lots of surprises under my tree. Maybe a animal keyboard and some trucks and maybe a big round ball too.
Thank you Santa, Hayden Price

Dear Santa,
I am a really good boy. I always eat my food and give everybody smiles when they talk to me. Santa, could you please bring me a truck and a tractor. Maybe some blocks, too.
Thank you Santa, Conner Jones

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I always eat my vegetables except when they give me them No. 3 foods. It's just not good and neither is that milk when it is in a cup! If you could bring me more bottles. I also would like a new baby doll and some blocks. Please bring Brook a nice doll. An animal keyboard would be nice too, Santa.
Thank you Santa, Emily Parker

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a toy school bus like I have in my room at daycare at Jack-in-a-box? Every time I get it someone takes it from me. Also please bring my brother Nicholas some toys and candy. I love you Santa. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Thank you Santa, Alex Shutter

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me toys and anything good to eat. Ms. Shirley will not give me enough. Also bring my sister, Taylor, some surprises. Merry Christmas, I love you!
Thank you Santa, Carlee Wright

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me some toys to play with this year. You can bring most of them so I can share with my twin brother Michael. I am his sister. We will leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas, we love you!
Thank you Santa, Morgan Shehane

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be real good this year Santa, like my twin sister. But sometimes we don't agree on who gets the toy that both of us wants at the same time. Please bring us toys, and lots of surprises. Don't forget our brother Mason. We will leave you milk and cookies. We love you!
Thank you Santa, Michael Shehane

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. Bring me Wiggles. I love to play with blankets, so could you bring me some for my dolls. Maybe some candy.
Thank you Santa, McKenna Faulk

Dear Santa,
I want a Santa Claus. Please bring me a dog. One that I can play with outside.
Thank you Santa, Ann Flowers

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy truck, a rocking horse, some blocks, and lots of surprises.
Thank you Santa, Trey Haynes

Dear Santa,
I want to play with Santa. This is all I want.
Thank you Santa, Stetson Adcock

Dear Santa,
Bring me some baby dolls. Please bring blankets for my dolls.
Thank you Santa, Amberli Arnett

Dear Santa,
Bring me a big truck. I also want some big blocks to play with.
Thank you Santa, Brady Cobb

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty cat. Bring a Dora Doll! Santa, please bring me some blankets for my dolls.
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Dear Santa,
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Thank you Santa, Kacy Hussey

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Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, and cowboy boots, a 4-wheeler, a screwdriver, and a sister!
Thank you Santa, Chase Morrill

Dear Santa,
I want Dora's car. I want a new pretty car for my mommy. I want a cupcake and a baby doll.
Thank you Santa, Gracie Bleitz

Dear Santa,
I want a baby, a car, a bicycle, a sand box, a Barbie house, a shoe, and a brother.
Thank you Santa, Heidi Arnold

Dear Santa,
I want a pink Carebear, skateboard, a Dora the Explorer doll, a baby doll, and a present.
Thank you Santa, Halse Deal

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, lots of baby dolls, hair bows, and a BIG pink Carebear. I have been very good.
Thank you Santa, Emily Richburg

Dear Santa,
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Thank you Santa, Keeleigh Wambles

Dear Santa,
I want boots, and toys, and a Spiderman suit, and a horse and a cowboy.
Thank you Santa, Arianna Campbell

Dear Santa,
I want my baby, a block house, and a tractor.
Thank you Santa, Aiden Rhodes

Dear Santa,
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Thank you Santa, Jeremy G.

Dear Santa,
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Thank you Santa, Joshua Cardwell

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a dinosaur, a tractor, and a choo-choo train.
Thank you Santa, Bradley Adkins

Dear Santa,
I would like a rocking horse, blocks, Wiggles movies, big ball, and lots of surprises.
Thank you Santa, Malehi Mills

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby doll, books, toy telephone, baby bed, and a kitchen set.
Thank you Santa, Emma Collins

Dear Santa,
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I would like a rocking horse, blocks, Wiggles movies, big ball, and lots of surprises.
Thank you Santa, Malehi Mills

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby doll, books, toy telephone, baby bed, and a kitchen set.
Thank you Santa, Emma Collins

Dear Santa,
I want a new doll with a lot of clothes for her. A toy for me and my brothers! I will leave you milk and cookies!
Thank you Santa, Ashlyn Sanders

Dear Santa,
I want to play with blankets, so could you bring me some for my dolls. Maybe some candy.
Thank you Santa, McKenna Faulk

Dear Santa,
I want a Santa Claus. Please bring me a dog. One that I can play with outside.
Thank you Santa, Ann Flowers

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy truck, a rocking horse, some blocks, and lots of surprises.
Thank you Santa, Trey Haynes

Dear Santa,
I want to play with Santa. This is all I want.
Thank you Santa, Stetson Adcock

Dear Santa,
Bring me some baby dolls. Please bring blankets for my dolls.
Thank you Santa, Amberli Arnett

Dear Santa,
Bring me a big truck. I also want some big blocks to play with.
Thank you Santa, Brady Cobb

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty cat. Bring a Dora Doll! Santa, please bring me some blankets for my dolls.
Thank you Santa, Brianna Davis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big Dora. I also want a Kitty. I want lots of presents.
Thank you Santa, Kacy Hussey

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a screwdriver, a school bus, an octopus, a ladder, a birthday party, and a tricycle.
Thank you Santa, Nicholas Equi

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a 4-wheeler, a choo-choo train, a screwdriver, and a pair of sunglasses.
Thank you Santa, Joseph Equi

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, and cowboy boots, a 4-wheeler, a screwdriver, and a sister!
Thank you Santa, Chase Morrill

Dear Santa,
I want Dora's car. I want a new pretty car for my mommy. I want a cupcake and a baby doll.
Thank you Santa, Gracie Bleitz

Dear Santa,
I want a baby, a car, a bicycle, a sand box, a Barbie house, a shoe, and a brother.
Thank you Santa, Heidi Arnold

Dear Santa,
I want a pink Carebear, skateboard, a Dora the Explorer doll, a baby doll, and a present.
Thank you Santa, Halse Deal

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, lots of baby dolls, hair bows, and a BIG pink Carebear. I have been very good.
Thank you Santa, Emily Richburg

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a cheeseburger, a Barbie doll, another cheeseburger, cheesesticks. I am a very good little girl.
Thank you Santa, Keeleigh Wambles

Dear Santa,
I want boots, and toys, and a Spiderman suit, and a horse and a cowboy.
Thank you Santa, Arianna Campbell

Dear Santa,
I want my baby, a block house, and a tractor.
Thank you Santa, Aiden Rhodes

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a yellow helmet. I also would like Spikebobb T.V. and a Spongebob controller (with batteries). I love you and I will leave you lots of cookies and milk under the tree.
Thank you Santa, Joey McCrory

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a Spike motorcycle with a Spike helmet all blue. I also would like a belt when I grow. I love you and I will leave you lots of cookies and milk under the tree. (And a pop sickle).
Thank you Santa, Christian Turner

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a Spongebob yellow thing. I would also like a black computer, and a lot of Spongebob stuff and some batteries. I love you and I will leave you lots of cookies and milk under the tree.
Thank you Santa, Stown Hussey

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a car. I would also like some video games, and lots of toys. I love you and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.
Thank you Santa, Benjamin Hall

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a lot of toys for Christmas. I love you and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.
Thank you Santa, Jarrett Senn

Dear Santa,
I would like a play unicorn horse. I would like dress up clothes. I would also like a princess crown. I love you Santa! But I really want a new baby brother or sister for Christmas.
Thank you Santa, Shyanne Allen

Dear Santa,
I would like a cowboy suit and a rocking horse. I want presents for my brother Web, my sister Emily, and for myself. Thank you if you decide to give me candy.
Thank you Santa, Matt Richburg

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa! I would like a pink motorcycle, a helmet, gloves and pink sunglasses. I wish I had a new strawberry shortcake book. I want a Santa doll.
Thank you Santa, Abby Faulk

Dear Santa,
I would like a four-wheeler, a motorcycle and a trailer. I love you Santa. I am going to leave you cookies shaped like elves.
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DEAR SANTA,

THE YOUNG WORLD OF LEARNING KINDER-GARTEN AND DAYCARE

Dear Santa,
I would like a race car driver, a batman that walks by itself, a Bat mobile too. I will leave you some Christmas cookies and milk. But I have to buy you some.
John David Parker

Hi Santa,
I want jewelry, clothes and shoes for me, one Barbie, shoes and a dirt bike. That's all. I will leave you a biscuit.
Benjamin Hutchison

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler to ride. Nathanael Bryan

Hello Santa,
I want a bull dozer, a four wheeler that you ride, a tractor and a dirt bike. That's all. I will leave you a biscuit.
Benjamin Hutchison

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a dog. Kate Hudson

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, and a tractor, Whitman Wilkerson

Dear Santa,
I want an amazing Amanda, a pink purse, legos, books, a baby doll and baby bed.
Emma Curt

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler and a motorcycle.
John Martin Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want a big Dora pillow and a present.
Myia Germany

Dear Santa,
I want a Cinderella talking kitchen and legos and a baby doll.
Kymbria Bimbo

Dear Santa,
I want a Elmo doll and Dora the Explorer doll.
Gracie Cline

Dear Santa,
I want a motor cycle.
Tripp Stephens

Dear Santa,
I want a car.
DeAndre Rodgers

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and ABC book.
Michaela Moseley

Dear Santa,
I want a ball, a dog, and ABC book.
Carson Wise

Dear Santa,
I want a book and truck.
Paxton Wise

DEAR SANTA,

ON CHAPEL ELEMEN- TARY SCHOOL

DERGARTEN S. SHIRLEY BROOKS' ASS

Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I would like a Bratz tv, Princess C. Dora Dollhouse, and a horse. Please bring me a sister in May.
Sarah Bryn Prescott
I will leave 'n milk and
I will leave Rudolph a surprise too.

Santa,
I have your milk and cook-
ing for you. I have been
good girl this year. My brother
has been good too. Here is my
t. Purse, make up, Books,
Barbie doll, Barbie Doll House.
Love, Brittany

Dear Santa,
I wish Christmas! I have been
good this year. Please bring
a Bratz Girls Art Set, a Art
Set, a Disney, Princess Tea
Set, and some pretty clothes. My
brother Stown's been pretty
good so bring him some toys to
thank you and I'll leave you
some cookies and milk.
Love, Erika Brooke Hussey

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll with pony-
s, margo doll, Surprise Inside
g, Barbie learning laptop, a
gun that's not loud like my
daddy's. I would also like a pink
American Flag.
Love, Alexis Smith

Dear Santa,
I miss you and the deer. Leave
lots of presents under the tree. I
pe we get snow. I want a gun,
a big truck to ride in, and a big
4-wheeler, a dirt bike, bb gun
and 2 trigger gun.
Love, Austin

Dear Santa,
My name is Heather. I have been
a good girl this year. Well okay,
sometimes I was good. I tried
really hard to be good. I hope to
see you soon. Will you please
bring me a drum set, a cooking
oven, vtech games, karaoke
machine for my tv, Princess
chair, princess lamp, clothes,
talking kitchen center, My Little
Pony, bicycle, Care Bear, any
kind of toys. I would like to
see you soon. I hope to see
you soon. I love you. I love
Santa. I love Ms. Santa. I love
elf.
Merry Christmas, Tyler Ward

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Berry. For
Christmas I would like a Buzz
Lightyear, Woody, drums,
microphone, and a gun to go
hunting with my daddy.
Tyler Berry

Peace ♦ Harmony ♦ Joy...
And The Magic Of Song!

Wishing you every happiness this
Christmas season and beyond.

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With Warm Regards At Christmas

May all your dreams come true
in this season of miracles
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Doodle
Monster, Magix Sticks,
Howie's race track,
Flywheels, Chicken Limbo,
remote control terrain car, laser
tag Sky High movie, DVD
Player, Hoover Helicopter, Sky
racer helicopter, and an I-dog.
Batman laptop, I have been
totally awesome this year.
Love, Adam Boothe

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a motorcy-
cle and a new scoop for
Christmas.
Love, Rebekah Allen

Dear Santa,
I will have some cookies. I
love you. Please bring me a
baby doll, and some sur-
prises.
Love, Brooke Parker

Dear Santa,
I would like a pink motorcycle. I
would also like a Barbie
Fairytoria doll. If I can't have
the Cinderella doll, the one that
her dress and shoes light up. I
would also like the Tumbling
Tiger. He does cartwheels! The
little sister would like an Elmo
doll. It's for Baby! I would
also like the Ballerina Barbie. I
would like some new clothes for
my little sister, Arianna, as well
as for myself. I would also like
the Karaoke machine where I
can see myself sing on T.V. It's
at Wal-Mart! I'm going to leave
you some really pretty cookies
to snack on. They will be shaped
like Christmas trees. Thank you
Santa! Please tell the reindeer I
said Hello.
Sincerely Terri Scott

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some skates, and
a dog.
Love, Morgan Jacobs

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dora the
Explorer and a Barbie.
Love, Erica Alexander

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a stingray and
art stuff and a truck.
Love, Montell Green

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dirt bike, and a
trampoline.
Love, Adyson Price

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I
want a computer, Barbie's ear-
rings, money, clothes, bookbag,
Tennis Shoes, Dora doll, Slip on
shoes, Boots, Barbie Watch,
Dora DVD, Makeup, mittens,
Trampoline and lots of things.
See you next year if I am good.
By: Brianna Blocken

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman tent.
From: Aaron Barrow

Dear Santa,
I want to wish everybody a
Merry Christmas. I would like
you to bring me a Gameboy,
games, Enchanted Castle with
the dolls, real cell phone, candy
and other surprises and please
make sure all the other children
in the world get toys too. When
you come down Santa, I want to
sing you a song Brother Chris-
tians. I love you. I love Santa.
Love, Jalon Ellison

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Please get me a toy like
Spiderman and Batman, the
Batmobile, a Batman suit with
belt, gloves, and boots, and
Woody.
Love, Weston Shuman

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year.
For Christmas, I would like to
have a motorcycle, a dirt bike,
an alarm clock, a Barbie
Computer, an ATM piggy Bank,
a back Massager for mommy,
some gloves, and a toboggan.
I'll leave you some cookies and
milk.
Love, Christen Norris

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
Please bring me a dirt bike hel-
met, a 4-wheeler, a stuffed mon-
key, and some PS@ games
(Incredible Hulk). I'll make
mommy fix you some chocolate
cake and some milk. Please don't
forget my night vision goggles
and dart gun.
Love Aaron Norris

KINDERGARTEN
MRS. GRISSETT'S CLASS

Santa,
Will you please bring me these
things. A hamster, purse, picture
of a sun, moonshoes and lots of
surprises.
Love, Haleigh Dewberry

Dear Santa,
I really love Christmas so much!
Because Baby Jesus was born.
And that is why we have
Christmas. But I love for you to
come and bring presents to me
and my family. I've been really
good this year. So please bring
me a Airplane track, remote con-
trol car, punching bag and moon
shoes. Thank you and I love
you.
Love, Brae'don McLendon

Dear Santa,
My little cousin is scared of you,
but I am not. I love you. I want
you to bring me a Barbie Doll
Head and tap shoes and a Barbie
Doll Dress for my sister, Chloe.
Also my mom say you might be
out of hamsters this year but if
you have an extra one please
send it to me.
Love you, Marlee Ellis

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa and the deers. I want
a motorcycle, bicycle, laptop, a
play 4-wheeler with batteries, a
guitar and a yo-yo.

Love, Aaron
Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring
me a real horse. I want some
play horses too. I want some
barbie dolls, barbie clothes, and
a barbie car. Please bring my
daddy a car. Please bring
momma a new house and car.
For my sister Marli a video
game and player. I will leave
you some milk and cookies.
Thank you, Brandi Fall

Dear Santa,
A controlled 4 wheeler, con-
trolled dirt bike, race car, a bike
without training wheels, spindle
wheels, a choo choo.
Tyler

Dear Santa,
I want a X-Box 360 and a lap-
top computer and a play Station 2. I
want a cell phone. I will leave
you sum cookies. I want a cam-
era. I want a 4-wheeler. I want
a Moon, Michael Cox

ZION CHAPEL ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL

FIRST GRADE
LISA SMITH'S CLASS

Dear Santa,
I want a cold nose puppy and a
new born baby. I don't no what
called and pig gloss and a button
st. Thats it.
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a batman monstertuck
and a stroller too. I want a bat-
cy chair and a room to and a CD
player. I want a stawberry short-
cake room.
Love, Brooke Cape

Dear Santa,
I want a cabbage patch baby, a
baby bed and a stroller for my
baby some for my baby swing
form my baby some clothes for
my baby for my and som clothes
for me.
Love, Savannah Johns

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some games and
toys. That's it.
Love, Katelyn Zapata

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a treehouse and
a bike and moon shoes. I want a
bean bag and Straw berry short-
cake DVD. I will leave sum
cookies for Santa.
Love, Kinley Parker

Dear Santa,
I want a magic wond for
Christmas. That's it.
Love, Emily Maddox

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and I want
a Barbie car and I want a new
skatboard.
Love, Jared Miles

Dear Santa,
I want a puppe and roboraptr.
Thats all.
Love, Brad Porterfield

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby bassinet
and a ladybug bracelet
and clothes and shoes and surprise.
Love, Hayley Cole

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck, with a
whip antenna, and a jaked up 4
wheeler with a whip antenna.
Love, Triston Howard

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Can y
bring me a gun boy bp.
Love, Kane Dean

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
Please bring a game. I want a
babysit game.
Love, Alexis Bell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want some
skates.
Love, Hannah Carter

Dear Santa,
I want triplets, baby born and a
tea set.
Love, Amora Clark

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a doll bed
and a little trampoline.
Love, Caroline Brown

FIRST GRADE
KELLY COBB'S CLASS

Dear Santa,
I want a woch and a cell phone
and some makeup. I will leave
you some milk and cookies.
Love, Jacquine Ruocco

Dear Santa,
I want a X-Box 360 and I want
gamecube and new games. I
want a bean bag. I want a lap-
top computer. I will leave you
lots of cookies.
Love, Sheldon Hudson

Dear Santa,
I want a camera for Christmas
and a cell phone. I want a lap-
top computer and my haircut. I
love Santa.

Love, Laura Beth Allen
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. I want to
sit in his lap and tell you what I
want for Crismis. I want a laptop
computer.
Love, Kemy Hornsby

Dear Santa,
I want a X Box 1. I want a lap-
top I want a cell phone. I want
sum new games. I want a play
house. I want a TV and DVD. I
want a carclock. I I want a ras
gan. I wot a wagan.
Love, Joshua Ward

Dear Santa,
I want a lap-top computer. And
moon shoe, and a game cube. I
want a new tape player. And a
bean bag the one that you sit on.
I want a game. I will leave you
some cookies. I want a Good Night
Moon.
Love, Angel Flowers

FIRST GRADE
MRS. SHASTA ARNETT'S CLASS

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie computer,
Barbie dolls, Barbie house,
Pogo stick, Barbie Jeep and sur-
prises.
Love, Kacey

Dear Santa,
I would like a vTech, guitar,
a bicycle, amazing Amanda doll,
diary basketball goal, roller
skates and magic set.
Love, Alexis Adkins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a
dirt bike. I want a monster truck
That does tricks. I want a power
ranger clock.
Love, Austin

Dear Santa,
May I get a train set and a hot
wheel set. May I get a maya dall
and army men with a truck.
Merry Christmas
Love, Arielle Makayla Lowry

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want
a TV, Spy gear, Xbox 360, laptop, and
arrow.
Love, Tristan Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bok and a for weler
and a laptop and a Gameboy
Avans DS and a xbox and a bebe-
gun and a Boingero and a bebe-
gun.
Love, Tanner Horton

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie computer. I want
to have Jessie Macatime CD.
Love, Jessica

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year.
I want a game station 2 and a X
Box 360. I want a lap top and
games for toys. That's it.
Love, Gracen Bright

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all year.
Will you please bring me a bratz
doll, a dolphin lamp, Mary Kate
and Ashley clothes, shoes, jew-
elry, and another bible Story
Book.
Love, Chassidy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new real-
istic baby doll, a new baby
brother, a new trampolin, a new
mario game, and clothes.
Love, Haley

Dear Santa,
I have very nice this year. I want
a pony. I want a lab top. I want
spyro 6 and spyro 4. I will give
you milk and some cookies.
This year can I ride in your sleigh?
I love you.
Love, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
I want a spy spear and a lap-
top. I want a game station 2 and a
X Box 360. I want a lap top and
games for toys. That's it.
Love, Michaela C. Stallsberry

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I have been good this year. I want
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DEAR SANTA,

MORE ZION CHAPEL ELE- MENTARY - FIRST GRADE MRS. SHASTA ARNETT'S CLASS

Dear Santa,
The Christmas I would like a batman
and a Gamecube and a armyman
and a morderciel.
Love, Junior

Dear Santa,
My name is Zak and I have been
a good boy. I would like a bike
for Christmas. I would also love
to have a 4-wheeler, and a big
monster truck. Thank you.
Love, Zack King

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
Would you please bring me a dirt
bike and a gameboy.
Love, John Ames Pouncey

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want a TV,
Spy gear, Xbox 360, laptop, and
arrow.
Love, Tristan Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bok and a for weler
and a laptop and a Gameboy
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Love, Tanner Horton

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of year. **Merry Christmas!**
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Paving request brings residents to Coffee County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Several residents of Coffee County Road 721 attended Tuesday, Dec. 27, meeting of the Coffee County Commission to support their neighbor, Bill Baker, as he made a presentation to commissioners.

Baker said his purpose for attending the meeting was to discuss the finishing of paving of County Road 721. He said all of the road has been paved except an approximate one mile stretch.

Of several reasons mentioned by Baker as reasons to complete the paving of the road, Baker

said the main reason is safety. He said the unpaved portion of the road contains areas where it is difficult for two vehicles to meet, and he is afraid a catastrophic accident might occur one day.

Baker also mentioned to commissioners that the population of residents has increased quite a bit on the road since the other portion was paved. Due to that increased population, he said erosion has become a problem on the unpaved portion.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said the road is in his district, and he tried several years ago to get the appropriate right-of-way documents signed so the entire road could be paved but was not successful in his attempt.

"The reason the road is not paved now is you have to have right-of-ways, and I couldn't get them," he said.

Baker said he believes Dalrymple could get those right-of-ways now if he were to try again as the majority of the residents share the same concern over the road condition. He continued by saying the residents are willing to do whatever nec-

essary to help the county prepare to pave the road.

Addressing Baker, Commissioner Dalrymple said when the commission begins setting its priority list, he will contact Baker. He again said the first order of business at that point will be to get the right-of-way documents signed.

County engineer Randy Tindell has several items needing approval from commissioner's during Tuesday's meeting. All were approved by a unanimous vote of the commission (Commissioner Bernest Brooks was absent from the meeting) and included:

- Resolution authorizing the chairman to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of County Roads 415 and 531.

- Resolution approving an agreement between Coffee County and Dale County regarding the maintenance of Coffee County Road 709 and Dale County Road 1. Tindell said each county will maintain the road on their respective side.

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NOTICE

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. Due to the holiday, all social and church news will be due before 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, for the next edition of the paper. All other deadlines remain Tuesday at Noon.

The Elba Clipper takes a look back at 2005

JANUARY 2005

Jan. 6 - New Brockton Town Council rejects proposal from Arrow Disposal Services to change the town's garbage pick-up day; New Brockton Town Council supports Mayor Charles Cobb as Chief of Police; Authorities search for missing Kinston man, Joseph Delane Finkley; Shandez Daniels dies nine years after paralyzing football accident.

Jan. 13 - Vandals leave path of destruction in Coffee County as timber bridge on County Road 365 is destroyed by fire and Newbia voting house is damaged; Beaver Dam Trailer Park residents express concerns to Elba City Council regarding registered letter they received indicating removal of mobile homes from the property; County engineer says rain is villain holding up progress on County Road 400 reconstruction project.

Jan. 20 - Body of missing Kinston man (Joseph Delane Finkley) found and three people arrested in connection to his death; Emergency personnel respond to scene one-vehicle accident on Lower Curtis Road; James Richards named Elba's street superintendent; Town of New Brockton holds annual Walk of Remembrance honoring the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Investiture ceremony held for judges Jeff Kelley and Paul Sherling; Four people arrested on drug charges at 1697 County Road 408.

Jan. 27 - Coffee County Commission has lengthy discussion regarding number of hours in work week for county employees; New Brockton Elementary students collect "Pennies for Baily" to assist fellow student Baily Mitchell, a sufferer of Common Variable Immune Deficiency; Elba Board of Education presents Mike Gursan with Alabama Educational Media Honor Roll award; Terry Spicer joins Enterprise-Ozark Community College as assistant to president.

Feb. 3 - In honor of Sgt. Jason D. Jordan, nation's first "Least They Be Forgotten" monument dedicated at Elba's Veterans Memorial Park; Mark Vaughan and daughter, Katie, both compete in the annual New York Marathon; City of Elba begins \$4 million improvement project for airport.

Feb. 10 - City of Elba receives enhancement funds for downtown sidewalk improvements; Coffee County Circuit Clerk Mickey Counts severs ties with Democratic Party; Elba Police arrest three individuals following high speed chase that ended near Covington County's Friendship community; 2001 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car for Elba Police Dept. was destroyed by fire following the high speed chase; Altrusa International Inc. of Jack, Ala., honors Melinda Hodge as 2005 Teacher of Year at Zion Chapel School; Kinston murder suspect (Richard Dale Taylor) waives extradition; Photo shows Elba Clipper in Afghanistan.

Feb. 17 - New Brockton town officials upset over DOT's most recent Highway 84 plans; Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer deliver discretionary funds to county schools for various improvement projects; New Brockton officials ask county commission for help with water line project on County Rd. 517 and ongoing battle with state DOT regarding Hwy. 84 project; Elba City Council agrees to purchase three new police patrol cars.

Feb. 24 - R. W. Whitworth resigns as Elba's police chief; Fire destroys a home located at 1026 Teresa Street; Elba begins installation of state-of-the-art utility meters; Coffee County Commission forms committee to look at public transportation program; Elba's Max Bozeman elected vice president of Alabama Cattlemen's Association.

March 3 - Elba City Council approves resolution allowing construction of playground on old Elba High School property; Interested citizens gathered at Elba Elementary to hear a presentation on the construction of the new playground/park complex in downtown Elba; New Brockton plans town hall meeting to discuss Hwy. 84 concerns; Elba High School student

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March 10 - New Brockton holds town hall meeting with Senator Jimmy Holley and Rep. Terry Spicer asking for their help in trying to get DOT to keep the current Hwy. 84 open as an alternate route for motorists once construction is complete on the 4-laning project; Ferrin Cox elected president of the Alabama Press Association for 2005; Ribbon cutting held for new division of Southeast Pharmaceuticals Inc.

March 17 - Committee presents report on public transportation system during Coffee County Commission meeting; Alabama Governor Bob Riley signs new open meetings law; New Brockton town officials hold second town hall meeting this time with Sen. Jimmy Holley, Rep. Terry Spicer and Alabama Department of Transportation officials; City of Elba crews work to eliminate erosion problems at bridge on Tiger Drive.

March 24 - Elba's chief of police position attracts nine applicants; Elba Chamber of Commerce host legislative breakfast; Bethany Dye gains experience as editor of Troy University's school newspaper; Fire Chief Harry Driggers honored by Brantley Town Council.

March 31 - Elba residents Wesley DeVane and Johnny Senn honored for heroic measures; Elba W&E board approves slight increase in water rates; Coffee County Commission approves resolution supporting the four-laning of Hwy. 167; Hail storm Saturday afternoon, March 26, caused structural damage in the area; Demolition of the junior high wing of the old Elba High School facility begins.

April 7 - Recent heavy rains help City of Elba officials locate and address abandoned property with newly rehabilitated levee; National Security's Relay for Life team hosts "A Montage of Music" as fund raising event; New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole says police officers are not ticketing every motorist stopped despite rumors; County

Schools' DARE students participate in exercise using DUI goggles.

April 14 - Coffee County Commission reaches gridlock vote regarding grant application process for Zion Chapel Senior Center; Coffee County Commission receives award from Alabama Gerontological Society; County BOE approves superintendent's request to increase substitute bus driver's pay; County Schools' superintendent says hail storm damage tremendous at Zion Chapel School; Elba City Council approves modifications to police department's SOP manual; City of Elba and Elba Water and Electric receive job safety awards.

April 21 - Phase II of county water authority's expansion project moves one step closer to completion; Elba animal control officer George Homyak receives a microchip scanner from SOS Animal Shelter in Enterprise; Hickman Moving and Storage selected as Non-Temporary Storage Transportation Service Provider of 2004 for the Southeast Region of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command; Elba residents Wesley DeVane and Johnny Senn among nominees for 2005 Legislative Medal of Honor; Residents express concern over the road's shoulder condition on County Road 537.

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May 5 - New Brockton Police look for rape suspect Robert Steve Marshall; Rainy weather postpones Elba Band Day "chair" auction; New Brockton officials stress danger of barricaded section of Tyler Street (County Rd. 533); Senator Jimmy Holley presents third-

quarter State Aid check to Kay Wilson of the Elba Public Library.

May 12 - Coffee County Commission approves motion to complete measures to improve safety of intersection at Hwy. 134 and county roads 545 and 603; County becomes victim of another bridge burning when a timber bridge on County Road 323 is heavily damaged; Elba city clerk reports replacement of manholes on Claxton Ave. and Larkin Rd.; Mobile Attic Inc. announces five new franchise locations; Local citizens gather at the flagpole outside the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba to participate in the National Day of Prayer.

May 19 - Elba City Schools receive a \$200,000 grant for reading program improvements; Weekend fire destroys home in Zion Chapel community (one of three fires reported in the community during the weekend); Suspicious fires in Zion Chapel community being investigated; Elba Police search for robbery suspect after an undisclosed amount of money was reported as taken from a local convenience store; Local residents participate in annual Relay for Life event; J.A. Wise and Son Farms named Alabama's 2005 Farm of Distinction; Elba police officers discuss drugs with senior citizens at the Damascus Senior Citizens Center.

May 26 - One vehicle wreck on County Road 518 claims the life of 3-year-old Jeremiah Hooks (three others injured); Elba City Council approves transfer of former police car to New Brockton; Work crews prepare the foundation on top of the levee for pumps and associated equipment at the storm water

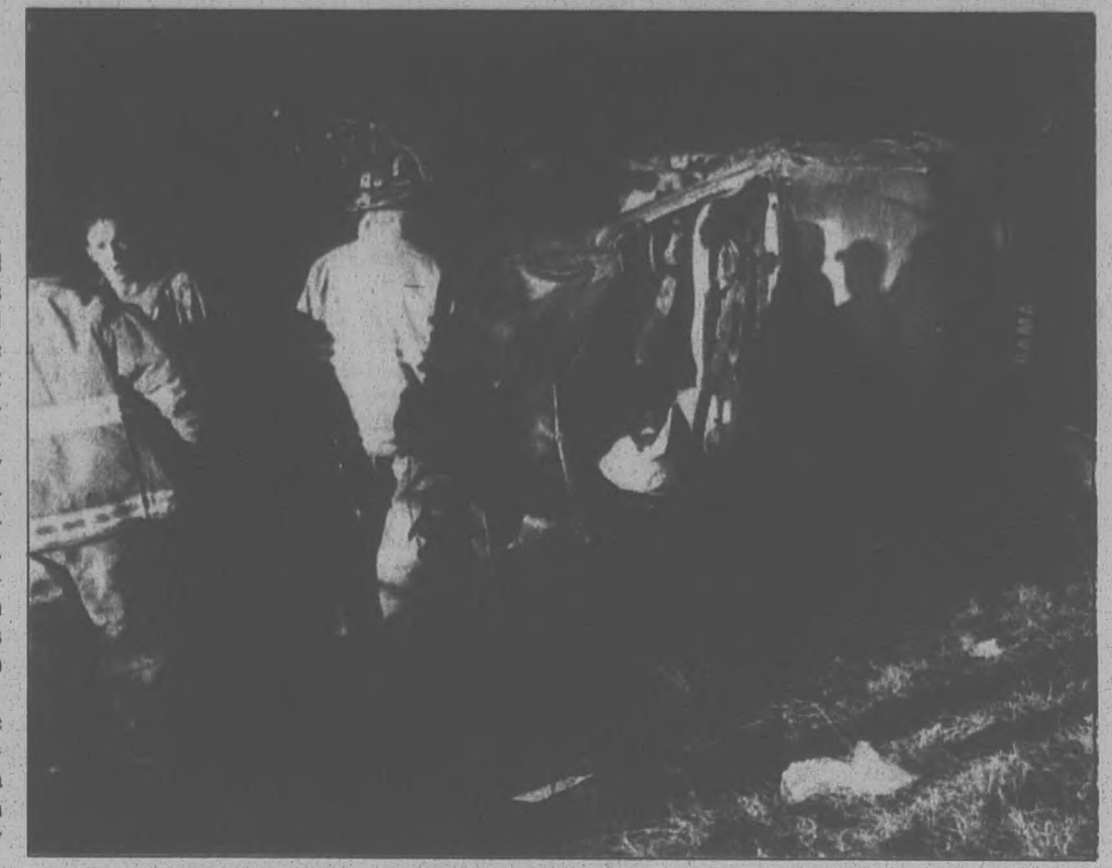
collection point behind the old schools; Elba City BOE approves retirement of Mickey McCollough, Bill Rayborn and Mary Lois Wilson; Ribbon cutting held for Circle C Coins.

JUNE 2005
June 2 - County BOE members listen to a presentation regarding options and ideas for various roofing and renovation projects within the system; Elba Mayor James Grimes proclaims National Garden Week; Coffee County holds annual Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting; Elba Police Department honored by the National Committee for Employer Support of the military's Guard and Reserve.

June 9 - Coffee County Schools purchase mobile laptop lab; Charles Carpenter was arrested and charged with domestic violence first degree after reportedly shooting his estranged wife; 17 individuals charged in recent Zion Chapel School vandalism incident; New Brockton Town Council honors employees and volunteers thanking them for their dedication to the town.

June 16 - Coffee County Commission approves 20-year lease agreement for Enterprise Multipurpose Center; County receives funds to improve County Rd. 415; Elba High School Class of '55 supports Elba playground project through monetary donation; Elba Public Library offers variety of reading programs for all ages; County extension office hosts manners workshop/tea party for young ladies ages 8-14.

June 23 - Personnel issues
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LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDED to an early morning accident Thursday, Dec. 22, approximately three miles outside the Elba city limits on Alabama Highway 189 North. A call reporting the one-vehicle accident was received by Elba Police Department dispatchers at 6:39 a.m. last Thursday morning. Immediately, police and rescue units were dispatched to the scene where they found a Dodge van had left the roadway and flipped several times before halting near a wooded area. The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle had been ejected from the van. The Elba Fire Department was dispatched to the scene to assist rescue personnel. Reportedly, chainsaws were used to clear the area where the driver was thrown helping rescue personnel better assist the victim. The driver was transported by a unit from Coffee County EMS to the local hospital for treatment of injuries sustained during the accident. The Alabama State Troopers office completed the investigation of the accident.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electricity, water, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting on the 5th of Jan. 2006 at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-994-2077.